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TOWN OFFICERS, 1890-1891.

Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor and Board of Health.

STILLMAN M. PRATT, *Chairman*. H. L. CUMMINGS, *Secretary*
[to Oct. 17, 1891.
R. DEXTER TEMPLE. CHAS. W. ABBOTT, *Secretary*
[from Oct. 31, 1891.

Assessors.

STILLMAN M. PRATT, *Chairman*,
EDWARD F. PARKER. EDWARD B. HARRINGTON, *Sec'y*.

Town Clerk.

JAMES REID.

Treasurer.

EDWARD F. PARKER.

Collector of Taxes.

HARLEY PRENTISS.

School Committee.

GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i>	-	-	Term expires	1891
WARREN E. EATON	-	-	" "	1891
EDWARD F. PARKER	-	-	" "	1892
CYRUS M. BARROWS	-	-	" "	1892
WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i>	-	-	" "	1893
HORACE G. WADLIN	-	-	" "	1893

Road Commissioners.

CHARLES A. WESTON, <i>Chairman</i>	-	Term expires	1891
SAMUEL W. BOWKER, <i>Secretary</i>	- -	" "	1892
HENRY S. LACLAIR	- - - -	" "	1893

Water Commissioners.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS	- - -	Term expires	1891
GEORGE E. ABBOTT, <i>Secretary</i>	- -	" "	1892
LEWIS M. BANCROFT, <i>Chairman</i>	-	" "	1893

Constables.

HENRY STOCK,	CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.
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Trustees of the Public Library.

CHARLES D. THOMAS	- - -	Term expires	1891
HARLEY PRENTISS	- - - -	" "	1891
HORACE G. WADLIN	- - - -	" "	1892
WALTER S. PARKER	- - - -	" "	1892
CYRUS M. BARROWS	- - - -	" "	1893
JAMES H. GRIGGS	- - - -	" "	1893

Trustees of the Cemetery.

ALFRED W. DANFORTH, <i>Secretary</i>	-	Term expires	1891
OREN N. JONES	- - -	" "	1891
ALDEN BATCHELDER	- - -	" "	1892
R. DEXTER TEMPLE	- - - -	" "	1892
GALEN A. PARKER	- - - -	" "	1893
WARREN E. EATON	- - - -	" "	1893

Auditors.

JACOB MITCHELL,	EDGAR N. HUNT,
HARRY P. BOSSON.	

Board of Registrars.

JAMES REID, *Clerk*.

JOHN G. ROBERTS, HENRY ROBINSON,
HENRY E. HOLDEN.

Engineers of the Fire Department.

EDWARD C. NICHOLS, *Chief*. WILLIAM L. CROWE,
WENDELL BANCROFT, *Clerk*. WILMOT K. PRATT.

Police.

HENRY STOCK. CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.
CALVIN L. MARTIN.

Night Watchmen.

HENRY STOCK, CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

FRANK W. PARKER.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1890.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Jan. 1	Guy Leslie Smith,	M	Milton S. and Hattie E.,	Travelling salesman.
" 2	Hollis Ober Marshall,	M	Joseph and Mary M.,	Slipper manufacturer
" 3	Clinton Emerson Ordway,	M	Orville O. and Bertha N.,	Blacksmith.
" 4	Benjamin Franklin Flanders	M	Benjamin F. and Martha C.	Conductor, R. R.
" 4	Boardman Henry Shute,	M	Boardman P. and Clara A.,	Shoemaker.
" 10	Edward Warren Grady,	M	William G. and Hannah E.	Farmer.
" 13	Mary Lilly " hite,	F	Joseph and Julie,	Laborer.
" 18	Joseph Douglas Logan,	M	John B. and Caroline A.,	Night watchman.
" 23	William Ralph Livingston,	M	Frederic and Ida,	Carpenter.
" 24	Ethel Moseley Corrie,	F	Edward H. and Anna M.,	Organ pipe maker.
" 25	Ephraim Paul Doucett,	M	Dominique and Julie,	Stone mason.
" 30	Horace A. P. Bartlett,	M	William H. and Mary,	Shoemaker.
Feb. 26	Doucett,	M	John M. and Mary,	Painter.
" 27	Annie Jane Stokes,	F	Joseph and Susan, [F.	Farmer.
Mar. 5	Charles Curtis Adams,	M	Larue Nelson and Mattie	Travelling salesman.
" 21	Rose Anna Devaney,	F	Matthew and Rose Ann,	Section hand R. R.
" 23	Thomas Turner,	M	Thomas and Mary E.,	Section hand R. R.
" 23	Alfred Asa Parker,	M	Asa and Sarah A.,	Farmer.
" 27	John Willie Froton, [Parker,	M	Simon P. and Urania A.,	Shoemaker.
" 27	Bernice Elizabeth Francis	F	Fred A. and Jennie D.,	Laundryman.
" 28	Guy Wilbert Ellison,	M	James A. and Nettie,	Machinist.
" 29	Lena Walker Parker,	F	Frank and Maggie E.	Shoe-dealer.
Apr. 6	May Bowman,	F	Joseph W. and Margaret,	Glass-blower.
" 9	Gertrude Jessie Dakin,	F	James O. and Maggie.	Sailmaker.
" 17	Freddie Turner,	M	Adolphe and Sadie,	Team ter.
" 17	Mertle Blanche McDonald,	F	Evan and Celia L.,	Harness maker.
" 21	Chester Horace Pratt,	M	Ronello F. and Leila M.,	Patented hardware.
" 25	Mary Theresis Doucett,	F	John S. and Margaret,	Laborer.
" 27	John Enos Froton,	M	John and Annie,	Teamster.
May 1	George Jacob Crowther,	M	George and Mary L.,	Painter.
" 1	Malcolm Rodney Buck,	M	William C. and Sallie F.,	Clerk.
" 4	Bertha May Fairbanks,	F	John B. and Grace W.,	Organ pipe maker.
" 11	Maggie Ann Mack,	F	Mary Mack,	
" 12	Arthur Borthwick,	M	James W. and Mary Jane,	Hackman.
" 19	Helen Nason Davies,	F	Charles E. and Kate C.,	Printer.
" 21	Lilla May Raymond,	F	Charles M. and Sarah J.,	Shoe laster.
" 27	Inez May Cook,	F	Arthur H. and Annie A.,	Brakeman.
" 29	Marion Lois Myers,	F	Charles F. and Annie S.,	Japanner.
June 2	Ralph Johnson,	M	Edwin F. and Hattie L.,	Accountant.
" 4	Irving Claire Austin,	M	Charles E. and Emma,	Machinist.
" 8	Norman Henry Cummings,	M	Harley E. and Philinda,	Baggage master.
" 13	Leslie Freeborn Johnson,	M	Frank L. and Marcella,	Painter.
" 16	Jeremiah Shannon,	M	John J. and Hattie F.,	Express driver.
" 16	Laura A. Resse,	F	Charles A. and Selina, [A.,	Laster.
" 21	Harrison Hunt Parker,	M	Harrison H. and Harriet	Organ pipe maker.
" 27	Charles Irving Fairbanks,	M	Charles E. and Mary E.,	Salesman.
" 30	Clarence Percival Goodwin,	M	Edwin H. and Martha S.,	Organ pipe maker.
" 30	Marion Stone Bancroft,	F	Elmer P. and Hattie V.,	Shoe cutter.
July 8	Bernice Emma Nichols,	F	William H. and Cora M.,	Provision dealer.
" 11	Arthur Gould Winship,	M	Frank A. and Mary L.,	Ass't Cashier of Bank
" 16	Ethel May Rollins,	F	James A. and Juliet,	Shoemaker.
" 25	Leon Charles Rich,	M	Burton C. and Nellie M.,	Ice-man.
" 25	Preston Warren Charles,	M	Millard F. and Sarah A.,	Jeweller.
" 26	Alma Lillian Eaton,	F	John H. and Clara A.,	Pyrotechnist.
Aug. 5	John Marvin Burnham,	M	William H. and Rebecca,	House carpenter.
" 12	Louis John Morrison,	M	Winfield S. and Lizzie P.,	Shoemaker.
" 13	Doucett,	F	Benjamin and Mary J.,	Farmer.
" 14	Genevieve Bosson,	F	Harry P. and Florence R.,	Book-keeper.
" 18	Arthur Franklin Goodridge,	M	Rufus L. T. and Mary A.,	Draw-tender.
" 29	Michael Robert Finneran,	M	Michael and Kate,	Rubber worker.
Sept. 4	Ernest Peletiah White,	M	Eugene G. and Susannah E.	Barber.
" 10	Doucett,	M	Dennis and Agnes,	Stone worker.
" 13	Harry Joseph Fisher,	M	Charles S. and Ella A.,	Shoemaker.
" 17	Roy Eidsen Richardson,	M	William H. and Maggie E.,	Machinist.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN READING 1890, Continued.

DATE.	NAME OF CHILD.	SEX.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	OCCUPATION OF FATHER.
Sept. 21	Lizzie Muise,	F	Trophy and Maggie.	Farmer.
" 20	Mary Lillian Forbes,	F	Edward H. and Fannie M.,	Contractor.
" 26	Clara Mildred Tuttle,	F	Arthur S. and Susan R.,	Provision dealer.
" 28	Louise Abbott Beal,	F	Oliver S. and Annie E.,	Expressman.
Oct. 4	Ada Hodson,	F	Henry N. and Clara L.,	Painter and decorator
" 5	Helen Gertrude Earle,	F	Orman A. and Mary L.,	Night watchman.
" 11	Millie Modeste Dulong,	F	John Reuben and Mary E.,	Stone mason.
Nov. 3	Flossie Ellsworth Standish,	F	James L. and Lizzie E.,	Builder.
" 9	Edward Theodore Jordling,	M	Edward T. and Caroline,	Electrician.
" 11	Clarence Eugene McIntire,	M	Herbert E. and Cora F.,	Shoemaker.
" 19	Agnes Mary Buckley,	F	John and Annie E.,	Inventor.
" 20	Grace Helen Milbury,	F	William O. and Edith B.,	Pyrotechnist.
" 25	Frank Albert Castine,	M	William and Octovie,	Coat maker.
" 30	Mary Josephine White,	F	William H. and Mary A.,	Laborer.
Dec. 12	Mary Lizzie LeFave,	F	Peter T. and Julia,	Shoemaker.
" 15	James Riley,	M	Patrick and Margaret,	Section hand.
" 20	Walter Martin Molineaux,	M	Michael R. and Nellie R.,	Shipper.
" 20	John Alfred Doucett,	M	David and Charlotte,	Laborer.
" 20	Morise Arthur Castine.	M	Peter and Mary,	Farmer.
" 31	Mary Octovie Meuse,	F	John and Sylvie.	Laborer.

Whole number of Births registered in 1890, 84. Males, 48; Females, 36.

Nativity of parents.—American Fathers, 47; Foreign, 36; American Mothers, 45; Foreign, 39.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1890.

DATE.	NAMES OF BRIDE AND GROOM	AGE	OCCUPATION.	PLACE OF BIRTH.	NAMES OF PARENTS.	BY WHOM MARRIED.
Jan. 2	George A. Forbes,	28	Salesman,	Reading,	Michael and Mary,	D. H. Reardon, Assistant
" 8	Flora H. Gould,	20	At home,	Andover,	Theodore F. and Jennie H.,	[Rector, Wakefield.
" 16	Nellie M. Burbank,	18	Undertaker,	Wakefield,	Oliver and Hannah F.,	Rev. William Barrows,
" 26	Fred Skinner,	28	Farmer,	Lynnfield,	Charles and Sarah,	[Reading.
Feb. 8	Lillian V. Smith,	26	At home,	Reading,	Otis W. and Elizabeth,	Rev. D. C. Stevens,
" 21	Thomas Riley,	28	Laborer,	Ireland,	Thomas and Bridget,	[Reading.
Mar. 2	Annie Murray,	24	Domestic,	Ireland,	Thomas and Bridget,	F. A. Cunningham, Cath.
" 19	Ornan Amos Earle,	25	Watchman,	St. John, N. B.,	William and Matilda,	[Clergyman, Malden.
" 21	Mary Lucy Merme,	19	Stitcher,	Nova Scotia,	Louis and Isabel,	Rev. O. T. Walker,
" 22	Robert M. Blair,	21	Farmer,	Nova Scotia,	James and Cassia,	[Reading.
" 23	Effie E. DeLong,	22	Housekeeper,	Nova Scotia,	James and Eleanor,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham,
" 23	William S. Milbery,	23	Carpenter,	Nova Scotia,	Charles W. and Matilda,	[Reading.
" 19	Ada Phillips,	19	At home,	New Brunswick,	Thomas and Mary A.,	Rev. O. T. Walker,
" 19	Charles Leslie McIntire,	21	Clerk,	Newport, R. I.,	Charles Henry and Helen R.,	[Reading.
" 12	Mary Ellen Fleming,	19	At home,	Halifax, N. S.,	James T. and Elizabeth,	[Reading.
" 14	Alonzo B. Parker,	26	Shoe treer,	Reading,	Thomas A. and Mary P.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 16	Annie Isabel Brown,	23	Operative,	New Brunswick,	Daniel D. and Catharine I. A.,	[Reading.
" 16	William W. Davis,	27	Clerk,	Boston,	John M. and Mary B., A. W.,	[Reading.
" 23	Lizzie B. Parker,	24	At home,	Reading,	George A. and Frances A. W.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 23	Herbert W. Hudson,	20	Shoe cutter,	Hudson,	Albert J. and Elizabeth L.,	[Reading.
" 26	Edith E. Lloyd,	18	Shoe cutter,	Thetford, Vt.,	Isaac and Maria,	Rev. G. A. Cleaveland,
" 26	Annie Elizabeth Brooks,	30	Shoe cutter,	Reading,	William and Elizabeth,	[Melrose.
" 26	Herbert Spear,	34	Shoe laster,	Boston,	Robert and Ellen,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 26	George Fortier,	20	Machine stitch-	Laconia, N. H.,	Willis and Celia,	[Reading.
May 8	Willie H. Fairbanks,	30	Expressman,	Hopkinton,	Freeman and Melinda, R.,	Rev. O. T. Walker,
" 10	Eliza J. Morgan,	22	Watress,	Manchester,	Daniel W. and Joanna R.,	[Reading.
" 29	George C. Baldwin,	21	Tele. operator,	St. John, N. B.,	George T. and Ellie I.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 29	Louisa F. Lloyd,	17	At home,	Reading,	Alfred H. and Ella R.,	[Reading.
June 25	John Lough, [der,	36	Laborer,	St. John, N. B.,	John and Susan,	Rev. Robert W. Wallace,
" 25	Ellen M. (McKenney) Ry-	38	Rattan worker,	Boston,	Owen and Bridget,	[Wakefield.
" 25	Charles H. Norris	23	Merchant,	Reading,	James T. and Katherine V.,	Rev. O. T. Walker,
July 2	Nellie Leighton Weston,	22	At home,	Reading,	Clifford P. and Emma,	[Reading.
" 26	Patrick Craunnen,	24	At home,	London, Eng.,	Daniel and Julia,	Rev. J. E. Millerick,
" 26	Rose Hill,	23	Shoe stitchee,	Birmingham, Eng.,	James and Catherine,	[Wakefield,
Aug. 14	Prentice S. Barnard,	74	Retired merc'n't,	Boston,	Jacob and Grace,	James F. C. H. de Justice
" 16	Phineas A. Hodgdon,	59	Necktie cutler,	North Reading,	Peter G. and Amanda,	[Peace, Newton High'ds.
" 16	S. Louise Swain,	25	At home,	Gardiner, Me.,	Phineas S. and Lydia,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham,
" 16	George E. Sampson,	30	Druggist,	New York City, N. Y.,	Anson T. and Mary,	[Reading.
" 16	Jennie H. Lancaster,	22	Milliner,	Lexington, Me.,	Edwin and Betsey E.,	Rev. J. W. H. Baker,
				New Sharon, Me.,	Samuel R. and Augusta F.,	[Farmington, Me.

Aug. 27	Fred Washington Atkinson,	25	Teacher,	Reading,	George Washington and Eliza,	Rev. Bradford Morton Ful-
" 28	Winifred Gage Whitford,	21	At home,	Waltham,	George Henry and Martha,	lerton, Waltham.
	Emma S. Cederberg,	23	None,	East Boston,	Charles W. and Sarah F.,	N. A. Apolonio, Justice of
Sept. 17	Willie E. Twombly,	18	At home,	Sweden,	Anders and Annie,	the Peace, Boston.
" 18	Grace L. Fletcher,	26	Editor,	Boston,	William H. and Ellen A.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 21	Emma M. Damon,	37	At home,	Reading,	William N. and Mary M.,	[Reading- S. Adams,
" 21	Charles E. Palmer,	33	Carpenter,	North Reading,	Samuel and Mary F. J.,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 27	Elizabeth A. Nash,	34	Carpenter,	Reading,	Henry and Maria,	[Reading- Edwin B. Palmer,
	Charles H. Keene,	33	Stenographer,	Montville, Me.,	William H. and Adelaide A.,	[Winchester.
Oct. 1	Kate M. A. Kennedy,	27	Coachman,	Reading,	William T. and Ann,	Rev. D. C. Stevens,
	Frank E. Strout,	32	At home,	England,	James and Joanna,	[Reading- Ellis Mandel],
" 18	Rachel L. Grass,	29	Stat'y engin'r,	Newfoundland,	Charles W. and Sarah A.,	Rev. W. W. Sleeper,
	Anstin McCarthy,	22	Housekeeper,	Charlestown,	James F. and Hannah,	[Boston.
Nov. 26	Jennie Mondor,	23	Shoe bot finish.,	Fort Fairfield, Me.,	Thomas and Mary,	Rev. Frank S. Adams,
" 29	Henry F. Haag,	20	At home,	Woburn,	Paul and Lucy	[Stonham.
" 29	Katie A. Gerlach,	19	Shoemaker,	Canada,	Charles L. and Mary A.,	Rev. Robert W. Wallace,
" 29	William N. Pearson,	23	At home,	Reading,	James K. and Ellen M.,	[Wakefield.
Dec. 24	Jennie D. Minnikin,	24	Shoe finisher,	Boston,	John and Elizabeth,	Rev. J. E. Millerick
" 30	Maudie Doucette,	21	Fireman,	Wilmington,	Simon B. and Christine,	[Wakefield.
" 30	Minnie Fitzpatrick,	23	Domestic,	Providence, R. I.,	Patrick and Bridie,	Rev. Frederick N. Upham,
" 30	Eugene Henry Swain,	22	Watchmaker,	Ireland,	Henry E. and Abbie,	[Reading- Frederick N. Upham,
" 30	Eleanor Louise Conway,	27	Operative,	New York City, N. Y.,	John and Sarah,	[Reading- J. J. Ryan,
" 30	Warren E. Beard,	25	Furniture m'r,	Blackburn, Eng.,	Henry and Ellen,	[Andover.
	Jennie E. Fogg,	25	At home,	Reading,	Lewis and Adeline,	
	John Horan,	28	Laborer,	Wakefield,	John and Ellen,	
	Mary Ann Caffery,	27	Woolen weaver,	Westminster,	William and Ann,	

Whole number of Marriages, 35. Nativity of persons married: American, Males, 26; Females, 23; Foreign, Males, 9; Females, 12.
First marriage of 30 males and 33 females. Second marriage of 5 males and 2 females.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING IN THE YEAR 1890.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.		NAMES OF PARENTS OR HUSBANDS.	DISEASE, OR CAUSE OF DEATH.
		Y.	M. D.		
Jan.	2 Andrew H. Graves,	27	4 21	Peter H. and Sarah E.,	Consumption.
"	12 Ann Whelton,	55	10 9	David Whelton,	Influenza.
"	13 Francis F. Brown, M. D.,	55	5 1	Edward and Abigail,	Pleuro-Pneumonia.
"	13 Abigail P. Beers,	70	1 29	Isaac and Abigail,	Heart Disease.
"	13 Charles D. Merrithew,	23	4 1	John M. and Sarah,	Pneumonia.
"	13 Lizzie Irwin,	25		Frederic L. Irwin,	Consumption. [tis.
"	16 Jennina A. Carter,	57	6 18	Nathaniel W. C. Carter,	Grippe with Acute Bronchi-
"	17 Laura M. Perkins,	45	1 25	Walter H. Perkins,	Empyema.
"	17 William Pierpont,	40	6 5	William L. and Mary,	Apoplexy.
"	23 John Froton,	37		Patrick and Elizabeth,	Concussion of Brain.
Feb.	12 Eliza Atkinson,	54	7 5	George W. Atkinson,	Apoplexy. [els.
"	12 Dorcas Berry,	67	10	Zebulon and Betsey,	Malignant Disease of Bow-
"	15 George Hagar,	36	11 13	George and Martha,	Valvular Disease of Heart.
"	24 Mary R. Phillips,	59	3 14	Jephthah and Sarah,	Angina Pectoris.
"	26 John S. Pike,	37	2 19	Stephen and Martha,	Gunshot wound.
Mar.	1 Alpheus Austin,	70	10 9	Gaius and Anna,	Chronic Diarrhœa.
"	7 Albert E. Bailey,	29	9	John and Mary J.,	Accidental.
"	13 Ebenezer Harris,	74	7	Evan and Lucy,	Anæmia and Diarrhœa.
"	23 Benjamin Frost,	64	1 23	Benjamin and Mary P.,	Consumption.
"	25 Adam Nicol,	94	1 19	Adam and	Old Age.
Apr.	9 Rufus W. Damon,	74	9 12	Rufus and Betsey,	Rheumatism.
"	11 Hugh Doolin,	55		William and Mary,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
"	13 Louisa A. Proctor,	30		Andrew and Martha,	Asphyxia.
"	15 Helen James,	66		Horace James,	Pneumonia.
"	18 Delilah Kendall,	78	8	Amos and Martha,	Inflammation of Lungs.
"	22 Thomas A. Evans,	59	5 22	Asaph and Lucinda,	Bronchitis and Diarrhœa.
"	25 Clara J. Warren,	39	6 7	John P. Warren,	Eremyenia.
"	29 George W. Atkinson,	65	1 4	Samuel and Abigail H.,	Cerebral Apoplexy.
May	10 Edgar O. Dewey,	44		Francis O and Elizabeth A.	Accidental fall.
"	12 Herbert W. Hodgeman,	29	4	Samuel and Mary J.,	Cancer of Kidneys.
"	14 Harry J. White,	3	7 22	Joseph and Julie,	Capillary Bronchitis.
"	24 William A. Flint,	24	4 15	Jeremiah and Harriet S.,	Phthisis.
June	5 Ralph Johnson,			4 Edwin F. and Hattie L.,	Inanition and Heart Failure
"	17 Loton Parker,	82		Richard and	Senile Marasmus.
"	28 Charles R. Corkins,	53	11 18	Joseph and Melitta,	Erysipelas & Heart Failure
"	30 Walter Rayner,	68	11 19	Jacob S. and Nabby D.,	Disease of Heart.
July	8 George J. Crowther,	2	7	George and Mary L.,	Bronchitis and Laryngitis.
"	9 Albert James,	72	7 9	Joseph and Elizabeth,	Apoplexy.
"	12 Helen M. Staples,	43	10 6	John C. Staples,	Pulmonary Phthisis.
"	15 Isilda Gadois,	54	2 6	Theodore Gadois,	
Aug.	14 Ephraim Paul Doucet,			6 19 Dominique and Julia,	Cholera Infantum.
"	21 Ella Louise Wall,			8 19 Edward T. and Lizzie A.,	Cholera Infantum.
"	27 Dennis P. Babb,	63	7 22	Joshua and Miriam,	Heart Disease.
"	29 Mary M. Holt,	82	11 23	Joseph and Elizabeth,	Dysentery.
"	29 Wightman,			1 William H. and Emily R.,	Pernature.
"	30 Lydia S. Nichols,	62	4 16	Albert Nichols,	Fever and Coma.
Sept.	4 John H. Sheak,	56	5	Frederic and Emma B.,	Bronchitis.
"	5 Simon Albert White,			9 12 Joshua and Mary Ann,	Gastro Intestinal Catarrh.
"	11 Abra A. Weston,	68	7 27	William Weston,	Marasmus.
"	20 Hattie L. Carter,	28	7 13	Willis M. Carter,	Phthisis Pulmonalis.
"	26 Sarah Bancroft,	66	4 13	James Bancroft,	Consumption.
"	27 Annie Brian,	29	1 27	William Brian,	Perforation of Intestines.
"	29 Clara A. Shute,	41		Boardman P. Shute,	Dilatation of Heart.
Oct.	1 Bernice E. F. Parker,			6 4 Fred A. and Jennie D.,	Marasmus. [els.
"	6 Nancy Smith,	79	1 3	John and Nancy,	Shock, and Tumor in Bow-
"	9 Susan A. Armstrong,	52	8 21	John H. Armstrong,	Phthisis.
"	17 Horace L. Cummings,	61	6 1	Amos and Louisa,	Disease of Heart.
Nov.	2 Preston W. Charles,			3 8 Millard F. and Sarah A.,	Innutation. [nia.
"	Isabel M. Jording,			2 1 Edward T. and Caroline,	Scarlet Fever and Pneumo-
"	15 Cleveland B. Holt,	91	4 6	Joseph and Elizabeth,	Old Age and Cancer of hand
"	17 Ezekiel White,	82	10 7		Bronchitis.
"	28 Greeley,			Thomas B. and Nellie J.,	Stillborn.
"	29 Ida May Rose,			8 21 Joseph A. and Mary J.	Serofula.
Dec.	4 Fanny Muse,	18	1 24	David and Susan,	Consumption of Bowels.
"	5 Janet Richardson,	74	7 8	Timothy and Polly,	Paralysis.
"	7 Mary P. Dane,	67	15	John O. Dane,	Consumption.
"	11 Rebecca Nesmith,	97	3	Holton and	Senile Gangrene.
"	24 Logan,			1 John B. and Caroline,	Premature.

Whole number of deaths registered, 68. Males, 36; Females, 32. Nativity: American—Males, 30; Females, 26. Foreign—Males, 6; Females, 6. Ages: 90 to 100, 3; 80 to 90, 3; 70 to 80, 8; 60 to 70, 11; 50 to 60, 11; 40 to 50, 5; 30 to 40, 5; 20 to 30, 7; 10 to 20, 1; 1 to 10, 3; less than 1 year, 9; stillborn, 1.

DOGS LICENSED.

Whole number licenses issued to date,	158	
One hundred and thirty-nine for males, at \$2.00 .	\$278.00	
Nineteen for females, at \$5.00	95.00	
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	\$373.00	
Less fees for 158 licenses, at 20 cents	31.60	
	<hr/>	\$341.40
1890, June 2d, paid J. O. Hayden, County Treas.,	\$141.00	
“ Dec. 2d, “ “ “ “ “	195.60	
	<hr/>	\$336.60
Amount on hand,		\$4.80

JAMES REID; *Town Clerk.*

Reading, March 1st, 1891.

OVERSEERS' ACCOUNT.

ALMSHOUSE.

INMATES.

Cleveland B. Holt, died Nov. 15, 1890	.	.	aged 91 years
Jonathan Pratt,	.	.	" 81 "
Alpheus Austin, died March 11, 1890	.	.	" 70 "
Thornton D. Sanborn	.	.	" 65 "
James Hunter	.	.	" 47 "
Henry W. Weston	.	.	" 42 "

RECEIVED.

Catharine O'Keefe, board	.	.	.	.	\$152 00
George Beasley, keeper, lighting street lights					301 00
" " produce and articles sold	.	.	.		131 93
" " board Ezekiel White	.	.	.		12 00
" " " sundry persons	.	.	.		85 50
" " labor for outside parties	.	.	.		5 00
" " removing snow and ice	.	.	.		10 00
" " distributing annual report	.	.	.		8 00
" " labor on common	.	.	.		1 50
" " wood furnished outside poor	.	.	.		18 50
" " gravel for highways	.	.	.		4 80
Reading Savings Bank, on Jonathan Pratt's book	52 65
Reading Savings Bank, on Charlotte Weston's book	18 96
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					\$801 84

EXPENDED.

George Beasley, keeper	\$500 00
Mary F. Riordan, labor at Almshouse	130 00
Estate Geo. W. Atkinson, groceries	.	.	.	.	79 09
George H. Atkinson,	"	.	.	.	202 31
M. A. Stone,	"	.	.	.	142 97
George H. Prescott,	"	.	.	.	36 43

Amount carried forward, \$1090 80

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1090 80
H. B. Sweetser & Co., meat and provisions .	73 83
Horace E. Eames, " " . .	64 12
Samuel R. Clough, " " . .	26 00
William Hawes, fish	36 55
R. Dexter Temple, funeral expense of Al- pheus Austin and Cleveland B. Holt	54 00
R. Dexter Temple, swine	8 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material . .	24 16
Greenleaf S. Tukey, pump	20 00
J. C. Cook, painting	12 80
E. W. Studley, "	7 50
M. Hanley, oil cloth	2 25
J. W. Spokesfield, standing grass . .	11 00
Mary French, standing grass	20 00
Moses E. Nichols, paints and oil . .	8 67
John O. Dow, medical attendance . .	14 50
William H. Willis, medicines	10 30
David Pratt, wood	1 50
E. B. Eames, ice	11 20
Emily Ruggles, supplies	10 77
N. W. Broad, labor and material . . .	10 08
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., paints and brush	2 75
John H. Simpson & Co., groceries . .	87 06
Samuel Brown, repairing wagons and wheel- barrow	3 75
Charles Wakefield, wood	29 75
R. C. Totten, shoeing horse and repairs .	3 15
John A. Blunt, repairs	1 15
Calvin L. Martin, coal	48 00
C. L. & W. H. Nichols, meat and killing hogs	18 02
Copeland & Bowser, wall paper, carpeting and cloth	13 23
Mrs. H. L. Day, crackers	24 75
Francis Bartley, clothing	14 50

Amount carried forward,

\$1,764 14

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,764 14	
R. L. Beers, repairs	2 15	
T. Littlefield, "	2 50	
Francis Brothers, barbed wire, shovels, &c., .	3 75	
Dry goods	24 37	
Sundry bills	23 98	
Repairing and boots and shoes	15 14	
Medicines	12 75	
Hardware and tin-ware	8 50	
Window screens	6 40	
Total amount expended	\$1863 68	
Total amount received	801 84	
Net expenses at Almshouse		\$1061 84

OUTSIDE POOR.

Appropriation	\$1800 00	
Received on account cities and towns	69 05	
		\$1869 05
John Owens, nursing, soldiers relief	\$718 00	
Elmira Weston, supplies	78 37	
Elizabeth DeRonde, rent, soldiers relief	24 00	
Marcella Wood, rent, soldiers relief	24 00	
James Sullivan, supplies	19 63	
T. A. Evans, supplies, soldiers relief	9 75	
Louisa R. Parker, supplies	69 00	
Mrs. Daniel Sullivan, supplies	20 75	
Emeline Barnard, wood and coal, soldiers relief	8 00	
Eastman Austin, coal	6 50	
John H. Daland,	14 60	
		\$992 60

PAID ON ACCOUNT CITIES, TOWNS, STATE AND ESTATES.

Mrs. B. Wood, supplies, account Woburn	\$ 4 66	
Geo. F. Hubbard, " " Cambridge	27 00	
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$31 66	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$31 66	
Mrs. C. H. Leland, rent, " Sherburne .	9 00	
Clara Chute, supplies, " Estate Clara		
Chute	37 64	
John Queen, board, medicine and medical at-		
tendance, account state	22 10	
	<hr/>	\$100 40

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

Danvers Insane Asylum, board of Sumner		
McAlister	\$28 92	
Danvers Insane Asylum, board of Wm. A. Flint	68 15	
" " " " Maggie Whelton	172 76	
Worcester " " " Henry S. Buck	169 46	
	<hr/>	\$439 29

TRAMPS.

Geo. H. Prescott, crackers - - - -	\$6 80	
M. A. Stone, " - - - -	1 02	
J. H. Simpson & Co." - - - -	7 07	\$14 89
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		\$1547 18
Unexpended - - - - -		321 87
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		\$1,869 05

Number of tramps lodged at station during the year, 438.

EZEKIEL WHITE ESTATE GIVEN THE TOWN.

Real estate, estimated cash value - -	\$900 00	
Cash - - - - -	57 00	
	<hr/>	\$957 00
Paid on account Ezekiel White, board, cloth-		
ing, medical attendance and funeral		
expenses - - - - -	\$144 21	
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Balance in hands of town - - - -	\$812 79	

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

Furniture, crockery and tin-ware . . .	\$351 69
Beds and bedding	167 75
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$519 44

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>							\$519 44
Provisions	138 22
Farming tools . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	92 50
Horse . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Two Cows . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	75 00
Fowls . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	18 75
Swine . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Stoves and hollow ware . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	58 50
Harnesses . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Express wagon . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Farm wagon . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	40 00
Horse cart . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	35 00
Sleigh . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Pung . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Stone wagon . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	15 00
Horse sled . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Snow plough . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Grain . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
English hay . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	72 00
Meadow hay . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Manure . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	50 00
Wood in shed . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	16 00
Cord wood . . . . .	.	.	.	.	.	.	37 00
Coal in cellar	13 00
Cedar posts	4 00
Old lumber	3 00
Oil tanks	8 00
Oil	3 50
							<hr/> \$1,388 91
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Town farm and buildings	\$5,600 00
Personal property at town farm	1,388 91
							<hr/> <hr/> \$6,988 91

STILLMAN M. PRATT, }
 CHARLES W. ABBOTT, } Overseers of
 R. DEXTER TEMPLE, } the Poor.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Your Assessors respectfully submit the following report :

We have made a thorough examination of all the real estate in the town, and estimating its value, after such examination, we feel confident that the result will meet with your approval.

VALUATION OF ESTATES, REAL AND PERSONAL, TAXED IN THIS TOWN, MAY 1, 1890.

Real estate	\$2,575,439 00
Personal estate	261,691 00
Total valuation	<u>\$2,837,130 00</u>
Number of polls, males, 1,006 at \$2.00,	\$2,012 00
“ “ females, 4 “ .50,	2 00
Total number of polls, 1,010	<u>\$2,014 00</u>
Amount of town appropriations	\$37,306 00
“ “ State tax	2,205 00
“ “ county tax	2,028 78
“ “ overlaying	1,045 18
Total amount assessed	<u>\$42,584 96</u>
Rate of taxation, \$14.30 per \$1,000.	
Total number of horses	415
“ “ cows	336
“ “ sheep	2
“ “ neat cattle	32
“ “ swine	105
“ “ dwelling houses	851
“ “ acres of land	5,736
Total value of real estate in 1890,	\$2,575,439 00
“ “ “ 1889,	<u>2,402,984 00</u>
Increase in 1890	<u>\$172,455 00</u>

Total value of personal estate, 1890 .	\$261,691 00
“ “ “ 1889 .	227,843 00

Increase in 1890 . . . \$33,848 00

Respectfully submitted,

STILLMAN M. PRATT,	} Assessors of
EDWARD F. PARKER,	
EDWARD B. HARRINGTON.	

Reading.

SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation,	\$2,805 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to April 1st, 1890, . . .	\$ 50 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, Selectman and Overseer of Poor to March 1st, 1891,	175 00	
Stillman M. Pratt, Assessor, 1890-91, . . .	210 00	
	<hr/>	\$435 00
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of Poor to April 1st, 1890, . . .	\$50 00	
R. Dexter Temple, Selectman and Overseer of Poor to March 1st, 1891,	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$200 00
Horace L. Cummings, Selectman and Overseer of Poor, 1890,		150 00
Charles W. Abbott, Selectman and Overseer of Poor to April 1st, 1891,		100 00
Edward F. Parker, Treasurer to March 1st, 1891,	\$200 00	
Edward F. Parker, Assessor, 1890-91, . . .	200 00	
Edward F. Parker, School Committee to March 1st, 1891,	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$450 00
Harley Prentiss, Collector, 1888,	\$100 00	
Harley Prentiss, Collector, 1890,	200 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
Jas. Reid, Town Clerk to Mar. 1st, 1891, . . .	\$50 00	
Jas. Reid, Clerk to Board of Registrars to Mar. 1st, 1891,	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 90 00
Edward B. Harrington, Assessor, 1890-91, . .		225 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>		\$1,950 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>		\$1,950 00
Walter S. Parker, School Committee to March		
1st, 1891,		\$75 00
C. M. Barrows, School Committee to March 1st,		
1890,		50 00
Warren E. Eaton, School Committee to April		
1st, 1890,		50 00
Lewis M. Bancroft, Auditor to March 1st, 1890,		10 00
John G. Roberts, Registrar to May 1st, 1890, .		30 00
Henry Robinson, Registrar to March 2d, 1891,		30 00
C. J. Nichols, Constable,		9 00
Henry Stock, Constable,		33 00
James H. Griggs, Moderator,		15 00
Samuel W. Bowker, Road Commissioner to Mar.		
1st, 1891,		50 00
Henry S. LaClair, Road Commissioner to March		
1st, 1891,		50 00
Charles A. Weston, Road Commissioner to Mar.		
1st, 1891,		50 00
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		\$2,402 00
Unexpended,		403 00
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		\$2,805 00

DEFICIENCY.

Appropriation,		\$200 00
Henry S. LaClair, Road Commissioner to March		
1st, 1890,		\$50 00
Samuel W. Bowker, Road Commissioner to Mar.		
1st, 1890,		50 00
Charles A. Weston, Road Commissioner to Mar.		
1st, 1890,		50 00
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		\$150 00
Unexpended,		\$ 50 00
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		\$200 00

PRINTING VALUATION.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$300 00
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing, and rubber stamp, - - - - -	\$182 10
Edward F. Parker, preparing book, - - -	25 00
Edward B. Harrington, preparing book, - -	37 00
Beal & Clement, expressing, - - - -	30
W. G. White, - - - - -	1 25
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	\$245 65
Unexpended, - - - - -	54 35
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	\$300 00

PAINTING AND REPAIRS OF ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$200 00
Jere. Flint, plastering, - - - - -	\$ 4 25
David C. Temple, labor and material, - -	105 32
J. C. Cook, painting farm house, - - -	85 00
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	\$194 57
Unexpended, - - - - -	5 43
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	\$200 00

FIRE INQUEST.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$61 40
Samuel Tilton, stenographer, - - - -	\$20 00
John A. Pettengale, services at inquest, - -	14 80
Sundry witness fees and mileage, - - -	26 60
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	\$61 40

OLD SOUTH CLOCK.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$50 00
E. Bassett, treasurer, - - - - -	50 00

PRINTING.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$225 00
Samuel G. Robinson, printing Annual Report, -	\$116 90
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing, - - -	97 75
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing, - - -	12 00
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	\$226 65
Overdrawn, - - - - -	1 65
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	\$226 65

POLICE.

Appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$200 00
Clarence J. Nichols, services,	-	-	-	-	\$ 4 00	
Henry Stock, services,	-	-	-	-	13 00	
Ephraim Wight, services,	-	-	-	-	2 30	
C. E. Damon, use of telephone,	-	-	-	-	2 00	
W. A. Bancroft, special,	-	-	-	-	5 00	
Adolph Turner,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
Webster Eames,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
E. Bassett,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
Wm. L. Crowe,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
E. B. Harrington,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
Wm. LaClair,	"	-	-	-	5 00	
F. O. Dewey Co., lettered globe for police station,					7 75	
Beal & Clement, expressing,	-	-	-	-	70	
H. K. Austin, labor, pipe and fittings,	-	-			65	
A. W. Danforth, use of telephone,	-	-	-		1 35	
O. O. Ordway, Hanging irons for light,	-	-			1 50	
W. H. Twombly & Son, printing postal cards,	-				1 25	
W. B. Mears, food for prisoners,	-	-	-		7 25	
					<hr/>	\$ 76 75
Unexpended,	-	-	-	-		123 25
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						\$200 00

TOWN OFFICE.

Appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$75 00
G. W. Atkinson, supplies,	-	-	-	-	\$ 30	
W. I. Ruggles, postage stamps,	-	-	-	-	7 00	
Henry Stock, janitor,	-	-	-	-	22 20	
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., paper,	-	-	-	-	55	
M. R. Warren, book,	-	-	-	-	1 75	
Samuel Ward Co., stationery,	-	-	-	-	8 85	
Citizens Gas-Light Co., gas,	-	-	-	-	4 60	
Wadsworth, Howland & Co., mixing liquid,	-				55	
Francis Brothers, oil and brush,	-	-	-		2 70	
					<hr/>	\$48 50
Unexpended,	-	-	-	-		26 50
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						\$75 00

ERECTING STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation, - - - - -		\$95 00
Emerson Smith, labor, - - - - -	\$ 1 50	
F. O. Dewey Co., lamp-post, frames and lanterns, - - - - -	54 50	
F. O. Dewey Co., chimneys, lamps, burners, and wicks, - - - - -	12 53	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight, - -	25	
Wendell Bancroft, lamp posts, - - -	9 25	
L. Descoluzo & Co., labor and fittings, -	6 01	
L. Descoluzo & Co., pipe, - - -	1 22	
W. G. White, expressing, - - - -	1 50	
Beal & Clement, expressing, - - -	55	
Charles D. Wells, labor, - - - -	5 38	
	<hr/>	\$92 69
Unexpended, - - - - -		2 31
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		\$95 00

STREET LIGHTING.

Appropriation, - - - - -		\$900 00
Geo. W. Atkinson estate, oil and matches, -	\$ 17 50	
Geo. W. Atkinson, oil, - - - -	6 00	
Warren Parker, lighting street lamps, labor and repairs, - - - - -	92 15	
Citizens' Gas-Light Co., gas, - - -	231 96	
Geo. H. Atkinson, oil and matches, - -	48 25	
Wm. Hazen Bancroft, repairs, - - -	9 94	
George Beasley, lighting street lamps, -	301 00	
F. O. Dewey Co., copper street lanterns and signs, - - - - -	7 75	
	<hr/>	\$714 55
Unexpended, - - - - -		185 45
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		\$900 00

NIGHT WATCH.

Appropriation, - - - - -		\$1,500 00
Henry Stock, - - - - -	\$745 00	
Clarence J. Nichols, - - - - -	679 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,424 00
Unexpended, - - - - -		76 00
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		\$1,500 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Appropriation, - - - - -		\$300 00
Taxes paid after abatement, - - - - -		2 31
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		\$302 31
Charles F. Dowse, - - - - -	\$75 00	
Seth Rich, - - - - -	7 87	
Walter M. Scott, - - - - -	11 11	
George Richardson, - - - - -	3 22	
Harriet G. Hartshorn, - - - - -	5 72	
Harley Prentiss, Collector,		
— 1888, poll, - - - - -	\$ 4 00	
— 1888, real, - - - - -	6 56	
— 1889, poll, - - - - -	138 00	
— 1889, real, - - - - -	30 63	
— 1889, personal, - - - - -	17 34	
	<hr/>	\$196 53
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		\$299 45
Unexpended, - - - - -		2 86
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		\$302 31

MAIN STREET ENGINE HOUSE.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$300 00
Wendell Bancroft, labor and material, -	300 00

IMPROVEMENT OF COMMON.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$100 00
Antonio Enos, labor, - - - - -	\$ 2 55
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i> -	\$ 2 55

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	-	-			\$2 55	
Patrick Burns,	"	-	-	-	3 85	
Samuel Brown,	"	man and team,	-	-	5 40	
C. A. Weston,	"	-	-	-	9 40	
Joseph Breck & Son,		lawn mower,	-	-	8 50	
Henry Blanchard,	"	"	-	-	7 60	
Wendell Bancroft,		seats,	-	-	11 00	
Geo. W. Atkinson estate,		phosphate and				
grass seed,	-	-	-	-	2 60	
Fred H. Parker,		labor,	-	-	26 50	
R. L. Beers,		repairing lawn mower,	-	-	1 00	
M. A. Stone,		grass seed, phosphate and				
rake,	-	-	-	-	1 78	
T. R. Newhall,		edgestones,	-	-	2 87	
Town of Reading,		highway account, gravel,			5 25	
"	"	almshouse account, Geo.				
Beasley,		labor,	-	-	1 50	
					<hr/>	\$89 80
Unexpended,	.	-	-	-		10 20
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						\$100 00

INTEREST ON PUBLIC DEBT.

Appropriation,	-	-	-	-		\$1,500 00
Received from Blackstone Bank,		interest				
on deposits,	-	-	-	-	183 41	
					<hr/>	\$1,683 41
Geo. A. Marden,		state treasurer,	-	-	\$329 17	
L. W. Piper,		treasurer,	-	-	800 00	
Mary Stimpson,	-	-	-	-	20 00	
Warren Institnte for Savings,	-	-	-	-	75 00	
Oren N. Jones,		interest on sundry trust				
funds,	-	-	-	-	50 25	
					<hr/>	\$1,274 42
Unexpended,	-	-	-	-		408 99
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						\$1,683 41

DECORATION OF SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$150 00
Horace E. Fames, quartermaster, - -	\$150 00

REDUCTION OF TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$2,837 13
Balance of appropriation, 1889, - -	1,630 00

\$4,467 13

Geo. A. Marden, Treasurer, anticipated payment of note due November 11, 1891,	\$7,500 00
Warren Institute for Savings, - - -	2,000 00

\$9,500 00

Overdrawn, - - - - -	\$5,032 87
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\$9,500 00

ENFORCEMENT OF LIQUOR LAW.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$200 00
S. K. Hamilton, legal services, - - -	\$ 25 00
Unexpended, - - - - -	175 00
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	\$200 00

CEMETERY.

Appropriation, - - - - -	\$600 00
Received for lots sold, - - -	558 00
“ “ wood, - - -	9 25
“ “ use of hearse, - - -	6 00

\$1,173 25

Oren N. Jones, labor, self, men and teams,	\$468 33
William C. Milbury, labor, - - -	22 50
William Frost, “ - - -	28 50
I. Sanborn, “ - - -	3 30
George Allen, “ - - -	77 70
Michael Hennessey, “ - - -	75 34
Edward Buxton, “ - - -	6 75

Amount carried forward, \$682 42

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$682 42	
Noble Bunker, labor, - - -	74 03	
Dominique Doucette, " self and men, -	104 56	
W. B. Jeffrey, plants, - - - -	4 00	
W. W. Davis, surveying lots, - - -	8 70	
John Lynch, cutting stone for tomb, - -	165 75	
Charles Dike, concreting walks, - - -	34 28	
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight, - -	9 00	
A. W. Danforth, postage and stationery, -	3 25	
E. G. Kittredge & Co., granite, - -	30 25	
John A. Blunt, sharpening tools, - -	46 18	
Moses E. Nichols, paint, - - - -	1 10	
Francis Bartley, stone, - - - -	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,168 52
Unexpended, - - - -		4 73
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		\$1,173 25

MISCELLANEOUS.

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Received of Guzuppi Cunio, for license . . .	10 00	
" " R. Dexter Temple, Auctioneer's license	2 00	
Received of District Court, fines	23 00	
	<hr/>	\$535 00
Everett C. Parker, posting bills,	\$ 5 05	
Mrs. J. A. Emerson, personal injuries to Geo. A. Perry,	75 00	
M. R. Warren, dog license and cash books, .	3 75	
Pratt Brothers, printing,	1 37	
Francis Doane & Co., books,	10 50	
Horace L. Cummings, labor on Assessor's book	15 00	
Wendell Bancroft, labor,	14 50	
Greenleaf S. Tukey, repairing pumps, . .	9 25	
Henry Stock, care of and raising flag and clean- ing office,	14 50	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$148 92	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$148 92	
Cyrus K. Littlefield, ringing bell July 4th,	1 50	
Charles P. Skinner, " " " "	1 50	
Boston Awning Co., repairing flag,	3 00	
Thomas Groom & Co., tax record book	3 00	
Beal & Clement, expressing,	2 80	
W. G. White, "	65	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing,	36 10	
John O. Dow, reporting births,	12 00	
Joseph W. Heath, " "	1 00	
George H. Allen, examining horse,	3 00	
N. W. Broad, labor and material	47 26	
R. Dexter Temple, death returns and recording deed,	12 92	
Moses E. Nichols, paint and labor,	7 00	
David C. Temple, labor, lumber and mill work	1 60	
Edward F. Parker, expenses as treasurer, -	11 50	
E. B. Harrington, expenses as Assessor, -	1 40	
Stillman M. Pratt, use of team by Assessors, -	50 00	
T. Littlefield, work on town pump - - -	1 00	
Francis Brothers, dipper and chain, - -	55	
James Reid, making official records, paper and postage - - - - -	17 50	
James Reid, recording births, marriages and deaths, - - - - -	56 05	
Town Meetings.		
Lyceum Hall Ass'n, use of Hall, \$65 00		
Sundry Election Officers, - - 33 00		
	<hr/>	\$98 00
Geo. Beasley, distributing Annual Report,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$526 25
Unexpended, - - - - -		8 75
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		\$535 00

STATE AID.

Appropriation,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1,200 00
Noble Bunker,	-	-	-	-	-	\$24 00
Mary Bunker,	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
Eben B. Bickford,	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
Seth Bessey, -	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Samuel S. Crouch,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Elizabeth W. DeRonde,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
John D. DeRonde	-	-	-	-	-	72 00
Edgar Damon,	-	-	-	-	-	36 00
Ellen M. Damon,	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
Esther A. Evans,	-	-	-	-	-	40 00
Sarah Hetler, -	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Eliza Hobbs, -	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Lambertus W. Krook,	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
Charles B. Leathe,	-	-	-	-	-	72 00
Clara A. Leathe,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Mary McAlister,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Catherine O'Keefe,	-	-	-	-	-	8 00
John Owens, -	-	-	-	-	-	72 00
Harriet C. Robinson,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Henry F. Scruton,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
William H. Sherman,	-	-	-	-	-	6 00
Alfred Symmes,	-	-	-	-	-	36 00
Eliza Upton, -	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Marcella Wood,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
Helen James, -	-	-	-	-	-	4 00
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						\$982 00
To be reimbursed by the State,	-	-	-	-	-	
Military Aid, one half to reimbursed by the State.						
Thomas A. Evans,	-	-	-	-	-	20 00
Nelson Perkins	-	-	-	-	-	18 00
George H. Porter,	-	-	-	-	-	48 00
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						\$86 00
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						\$1,068 00
Unexpended,	-	-	-	-	-	132 00
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						\$1,200 00

TABLE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	SUNDRIES.	AMOUNT.	EXPENDED.	BALANCE.	OVERDRAWN.
Support of Poor, Appropriation,	\$3000.00				
Labor, Produce and Board,	801.84				
Rec'd from cities and towns,	69.05	\$3870.89	\$3410 86	\$460.03	
Salaries of Town Officers - -		2805.00	2402.00	403.00	
Deficiency - - - - -		200 00	150.00	50.00	
Printing Valuation, - - -		300.00	245.65	54.35	
Painting and repairs, Almshouse,		200.00	194 57	5.43	
Fire Inquest - - - - -		61.40	61.40		
Old South Clock - - - - -		50.00	50.00		
Printing - - - - -		225.00	226.65		\$1.65
Police - - - - -		200.00	76.75	123.25	
Town Office - - - - -		75.00	48 50	26.50	
Street Lighting - - - - -		900.00	714.55	185.45	
Erecting Street Lights - -		95.00	92.69	2.31	
Interest Appropriation - -	1500.00				
Received on deposits - -	183.41	1683.41	1274.42	408.99	
Soldiers' graves - - - - -		150.00	150.00		
Improvement of Common - -		100.00	89.80	10.20	
Night Watchmen - - - - -		1500.00	1424.00	76.00	
Abatement of Taxes, Appr'tion,	300.00				
Received after abatement,	2.31	302 31	299.45	2.86	
Main Street Engine House -		300.00	300.00		
Reduction of Town Debt, Appr'n,	2837.13				
Unexp'd bal. 1889 in Treasury	1630.00	4467.13	9500.00		5032.87
Enforcement of Liquor Law -		200.00	25.00	175.00	
Cemetery, Appropriation - -	600.00				
Sale of lots, use of hearse,					
and sale of wood - - -	573.25	1173.25	1168.52	4.73	
Miscellaneous, Appropriation,	500.00				
Received licenses and fines,	35.00	535.00	526.25	8.75	
State and Military Aid - - -		1200.00	1068.00	132.00	
Highways and Bridges, Appr'tion,	4400.00				
Labor, and material sold -	6.45	4406.45	4405.92	.53	
Linden Street Sidewalk - -		250.00	216.10	33.90	
Charles " " - - - - -		200.00	189.89	10.11	
<i>Amount carried forward</i> -		\$25449.84	\$28310.97	\$2173.39	\$5034.52

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	SUNDRIES.	AMOUNT.	EXPENDED.	BALANCE.	OVERDRAWN.
<i>Amount brought forward</i> - -	\$	\$25449.84	\$28310.97	\$2173.39	\$
Green Street Culvert - -		100.00	84.95	15.05	
Brook Street Bridge - -		400.00	386.38	13.62	
Road Roller - - - -		200.00	200.00		
Snow and Ice - - - -		200.00	332.62		132.62
Concrete Walks and Edgestones, Appropriation - -	500.00				
Received for Concrete -	163.45	663.45	657.01	6.44	
Avon and Main Street Bridges and Drainage - -		450.00	300.53	149.47	
Mineral Street Extension - -		200.00	199.94	.06	
Establishing grades - -		300.00	184.25	115.75	
Repairs, Concrete Sidewalks -		100.00	44.87	55.13	
Pearl Street - - - -		250.00	250.00		.06
Harnden Street - - - -		250.00	229.81	20.19	
Fire Department - - - -		2350.00	2417.16		67.16
Fire Alarm Box, Haverhill and Main Streets - - -	10300.00	60.00	46.00	14.00	
Schools, Appropriation - -	424.33				
Rec'd Mass. School Fund -	68.00				
Rec'd for Tuition - -	2025.00	10792.33	10792.33		
Schools, Incidentals Appr'tion, Rec'd for Books and Supplies,	18.31	2043.31	1998.52	44.79	
Union Street School, Concreting Appropriation - -		200.00	200.88		.88
Public Library, Appropriation, Received Dog Tax - -	450.00 305.35	755.35	539.49	215.86	
Concrete Cross Walks, Appr'tion,		50.00	50.38		.38
		\$44814.28	\$47226.15	\$2823.75	\$5235.62
OVERDRAWN - - -	5235.62				
UNEXPENDED - -	2823.75	2411.87			
		\$47226.15	\$47226.15		
RECAPITULATION.					
Selectmen's Orders - - -			47698.67		
Charged to Almhouse Account for articles purchased by Geo. Beasley from receipts from articles sold - -		91.14			
<i>Amount carried forward</i> -		\$91.14	\$47698.67		

OBJECT OF APPROPRIATION.	SUNDRIES.	AMOUNT.	EXPENDED.	BALANCE.	OVERDRAWN.
<i>Amount brought forward</i> -		\$ 91.14	\$47698.67		
Charged Snow and Ice account, and credited Almshouse account, snow removed by Geo. Beasley - - -		10.00			
Charged Improvement Common account, and credited Alms- house account, labor Geo. Beasley - - - -		1.50			
Charged Miscellaneous account, and credited Almshouse ac- count, Geo. Beasley, dis- tributing reports - -		8.00			
Charged Outside Poor account, and credited Almshouse account, wood furnished outside poor - - -		18.50			
Charged Street Lighting account, and credited Almshouse account, labor Geo. Beas- ley, lighting street lamps,		301.00			
Charged Improvement Common account, and credited High- way account, for gravel,		5.25	435.39		
			\$48134.06		
Credit by amounts received on Hospital account, paid by families - - - -		\$763.70			
Charged estate Ezekiel White for his expenses - - -		144.21	907.91		
Total amount expended, as above,			\$47226.15		

We present herewith for your consideration the following list of appropriations for the ensuing year :

Salaries of town officers, (salary of Water Commissioners not included),	-	-	-	-	-	\$2,500 00
Poor out of Almshouse and Soldiers' Relief,	-					1,800 00
Poor at Almshouse,	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
State and Military Aid,	-	-	-	-	-	1,200 00
Street lights,	-	-	-	-	-	800 00
Miscellaneous,	-	-	-	-	-	500 00
Abatement of Taxes,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Printing,	-	-	-	-	-	300 00
Town Office,	-	-	-	-	-	100 00

STILLMAN M. PRATT,	} Selectmen of Reading.
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,	
R. DEXTER TEMPLE.	

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' ACCOUNT AND REPORT.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Appropriation	\$4,400 00
Material sold	6 45
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	\$4,406 45
Henry S. LaClair, self and team for work in 1890,	\$66 00
Henry S. LaClair, self and team	290 80
William Emerson, labor	10 50
William J. Long, labor	37 35
Antonio Enos, labor	169 20
Frank Castine, labor	152 10
Patrick Burns, labor	198 08
Levi Surret, labor	51 75
Joseph Babine, labor	11 25
Samuel Brown, man and team	279 40
James Kelley, labor	57 30
Joseph Brown, labor	110 77
Hiram Litchfield, labor	118 95
John Crowe, labor	36 00
Henry F. Barker, labor	123 58
Edward Surratt, labor	65 85
David Pratt, gravel	2 70
J. T. Rudolph, labor	41 40
George Rudolph, labor	11 85
Theodore Gadbois, labor	1 75
Zeba Lampro, labor	110 05
C. A. Weston, 1890, labor	104 00
Newell C. Flanders, self and team	126 45
Henry Gorus, labor	55 82
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$2,232 90

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$2,232 90
George Wakefield, gravel	20 46
Bertha Dole, gravel	8 94
William H. Killam, labor	49 95
Moses Dulong, labor	15 00
Edward White, labor	6 00
Ira Gadbois, labor	8 75
Antonio Silva, labor	29 55
Charles C. Green, self and team	91 50
James S. Wyatt, labor	6 30
Daniel Sanborn, gravel	2 75
Edwin P. Nichols, labor	31 50
Wesley Nason, gravel	34 56
Alexandra Frotten, labor	75
Oscar Foote, gravel	21 76
A. H. Kimball, machine plate	8 00
Francis Bros., pail	60
Enoch N. Remmick, gravel	40 26
R. C. Totten, labor	7 61
Frederick Bancroft, gravel	3 18
John G. Hutchinson, labor	20 00
John Blunt, labor	23 15
Amos Damon, 2d, labor	120 31
Town of No. Reading, repairs on bridge	13 76
Joseph W. Killam, labor	133 88
Wendell Bancroft, lumber and pipe	104 87
Peter Dulong, labor	37 72
Raymond Doucett, labor	3 00
Wm. O. Dockendorf, self and team	48 00
Michael Forbes & Son, men and teams	28 50
James Bothwick, man and team	32 25
Boston & Maine R. R., freight and ties	9 00
Arthur G. Emerson, self and team	189 57
Wm. H. Manning, labor	4 50
David Muse, labor	59 33

Amount carried forward, \$3,448 16

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,448 16
Dodge, Haley & Co., tools	3 00
S. W. Bowker, self, men and teams	361 18
Frank W. Davis, self and team	46 50
David Doucett, labor	31 05
Jeffry White, labor	30 22
Sylvan White, labor	33 82
Raymond White, labor	10 95
Nathan Chafts, labor	1 00
Augustus White, labor	17 00
John Surratt, labor	17 25
George H. Atkinson, gravel	17 96
A. W. Carr, tools	1 15
Alfred G. Carter, labor	50
Adelbert E. Batchelder, gravel	18 45
N. W. Carter, gravel	7 56
E. B. Eames, man and team	57 05
Albion G. Nichols, self and team	21 80
Calvin Martin, freight	3 50
Charles C. Dyke, labor	39 48
Beals & Clement, express	25
Town of Reading, gravel	4 80
J. A. B. Russell, gravel	12 96
J. M. Pierce, gravel	1 38
E. B. Richardson, gravel	1 75
Willard A. Bancroft, gravel	1 00
Richard B. Nichols, gravel	7 50
Asa Parker, man and team	8 70
Charles A. Weston, labor	200 00
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Unexpended	\$4405 92
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MINERAL STREET.	\$4406 45
Appropriation	\$200 00
Edward Surratt, labor	22 95
Jeffrey White, labor	22 20
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$45 15

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$45 15
Joseph Brown, labor	25 89
David Muise, labor	9 63
Sylvan White, labor	19 20
John Surratt, labor	3 75
Peter Dulong, labor	3 00
Alexandre Frotten, labor	18 00
B. R. Boyce, labor	3 00
Cornelius N. Canty, glass	4 00
Antonio Enos, labor	4 95
Patrick Burns, labor	5 77
C. A. Weston, labor	1 00
S. W. Bowker, self, men and teams	56 60
Unexpended	06
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	\$200 00

HARDEN STREET.

Appropriation	\$250 00
R. Newhall, stone	15 70
Osgood & Harte, grate	11 00
Hiram Litchfield, labor - - - - -	12 00
Antonio, Enos, labor - - - - -	12 00
Patrick Burns, labor - - - - -	14 00
Newell C. Flanders, self and team - - - - -	9 00
Zeba Lampro, labor - - - - -	14 00
Domonique Doucett, labor - - - - -	97 91
Samuel Brown, man and team - - - - -	14 70
Amos Damon, 2d, labor - - - - -	12 25
Boston & Maine R. R., freight - - - - -	25
C. A. Weston, labor - - - - -	17 00
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Unexpended - - - - -	\$229 81
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	\$250 00

PEARL STREET.

Appropriation - - - - -	\$250 00
Frank Castine - - - - -	53 91
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$53 91

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$53 91
David Muse - - - - -	11 90
Albion G. Nichols, self and team - - -	10 35
Joseph W. Killam, labor - - - -	38 86
M. Forbes & Son, labor - - - -	19 84
Moses Castine, labor - - - -	12 30
Earnest E. Sweet, labor - - - -	12 30
Arthur D. Emerson, labor - - - -	29 75
H. S. LaClair, self and team - - - -	60 85
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	\$250 06
Overdrawn - - - - -	06
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	\$250 00

CHARLES STREET.

Appropriation - - - - -	\$200 00
Frank Cestine, labor - - - - -	\$16 80
Henry F. Barker, labor - - - - -	10 50
Frank W. Davis, self and team - - -	19 50
David Muse, labor - - - - -	19 43
Noble Bunker, stone - - - - -	75
Henry Gorus, labor - - - - -	9 63
Newton Symonds, stone - - - - -	2 30
Joseph W. Killam, labor - - - - -	12 25
W. H. Killam, labor - - - - -	1 50
Charles Wakefield, stone - - - - -	2 50
J. T. Rudolph, posts - - - - -	40
Adelbert E. Batchelder, labor - - -	2 00
Wendall Bancroft, pipe - - - - -	3 60
Arthur G. Emerson, labor - - - - -	27 13
Henry S. LaClair, self and team - - -	61 60
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	\$189 89
Unexpended - - - - -	10 11
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	\$200 00

BROOKS STREET.

Appropriation - - - - -	\$400 00
P. Burns, labor - - - - -	\$33 76
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$33 76

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>					\$33 76
Charles C. Green, self and team	-	-	-	-	10 50
Domonique Doucett, labor	-	-	-	-	66 22
S. W. Bowker, pump	-	-	-	-	4 50
Antonio Enos, labor	-	-	-	-	28 95
Newell C. Flanders, self and team	-	-	-	-	22 50
George W. Putman, stone	-	-	-	-	2 10
M. Forbes & Son, team	-	-	-	-	29 00
Hiram Litchfield, labor	-	-	-	-	23 40
Henry F. Parker, man and team	-	-	-	-	13 50
John Muse, gravel	-	-	-	-	14 94
C. A. Weston, labor	-	-	-	-	62 75
Samuel Brown, man and team	-	-	-	-	57 60
Zeba Lampro, labor	-	-	-	-	14 86
Wendell Bancroft, labor	-	-	-	-	1 80
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					\$386 38
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	13 62
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					\$400 00

GREEN STREET CULVERT.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$100 00
Domonique Doucett, labor and team				-	-	\$72 20
Patrick Burns, labor	-	-	-	-	-	1 75
Antonio Enos, labor	-	-	-	-	-	1 50
Carl Parker, lighting	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
C. A. Weston, labor	-	-	-	-	-	8 50
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	-	15 05
						<hr/> \$100 00

REPAIRING CONCRETE.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$100 00
Charles C. Dyke, labor	-	-	-	-	\$44 87	
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	55 13	
					<u> </u>	\$100 00

CONCRETE CROSS-WALKS ON ARLINGTON AND LINCOLN STREETS.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$50 00
Domonique Doucett, labor	-	-	-	-	\$2 72	
T. R. Newhall, stone	-	-	-	-	11 94	
C. C. Dyke, labor	-	-	-	-	35 72	
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					\$50 38	
Overdrawn	-	-	-	-	38	
					<hr/>	\$50 00

ROAD ROLLER.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$200 00
Osgood & Harte	-	-	-	-	-	200 00

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS AND EDGESTONE.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$500 00	
Received from Frank Lewis	-	-	-	-	153 32		
Received from Solon Bancroft	-	-	-	-	10 13		
					<hr/>		\$663 45
Paid T. R. Newhall	-	-	-	-	309 96		
Paid Charles C. Dyke	-	-	-	-	280 79		
Paid Domonique Doucett	-	-	-	-	60 86		
, Paid Milton D. Parker	-	-	-	-	5 40		
					<hr/>		\$657 01
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	-	6 44	
						<hr/>	\$663 45

LINDEN STREET.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$250 00
Hiram Litchfield, labor	-	-	-	-	\$17 55	
Zeba Lampro, labor	-	-	-	-	20 82	
Domonique Doucett, labor	-	-	-	-	30 70	
Amos Damon, 2nd, labor	-	-	-	-	3 50	
Antonio Enos, labor	-	-	-	-	11 55	
Newell C. Flanders, self and team	-	-	-	-	33 90	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>					\$118 02	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>						\$118 02
Milton D. Parker, gravel	-	-	-	-	-	20 04
Wendell Bancroft, lumber	-	-	-	-	-	2 16
C. A. Weston, labor	-	-	-	-	-	24 00
P. Burns, labor	-	-	-	-	-	21 67
R. C. Totten, labor	-	-	-	-	-	7 86
Samuel Brown, man and team	-	-	-	-	-	22 35
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						\$216 10
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	-	33 90
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						\$250 00

MAIN STREET BRIDGE AND DRAIN.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$450 00
Edward Surratt, labor	-	-	-	-	-	21 45
Joseph Brown, labor	-	-	-	-	-	4 38
Peter Dulong, labor	-	-	-	-	-	4 50
N. Nelson, labor	-	-	-	-	-	4 50
Domonique Doucett, labor	-	-	-	-	-	41 89
Jeffry White, labor	-	-	-	-	-	15 75
David Muse, labor	-	-	-	-	-	3 50
James Moffatt, labor	-	-	-	-	-	9 00
Raymond White, labor	-	-	-	-	-	3 25
T. R. Newhall, stone	-	-	-	-	-	42 33
Sylvan White, labor	-	-	-	-	-	15 00
John Surratt, labor	-	-	-	-	-	3 00
Amos Damon, 2nd, labor	-	-	-	-	-	9 62
Enoch N. Remmick, gravel	-	-	-	-	-	9 66
S. W. Bowker, self, men and teams	-	-	-	-	-	60 20
Wendell Bancroft, pipe	-	-	-	-	-	52 50
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						\$300 53
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	-	149 47
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						\$450 00

ESTABLISHING GRADES ON STREETS WHERE WATER PIPE WAS LAID.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$300 00
James A. Bancroft	-	-	-	-	-	\$182 25
Wendell Bancroft	-	-	-	-	-	2 00
Unexpended	-	-	-	-	-	115 75
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SNOW AND ICE.

Appropriation	-	-	-	-	-	\$200 00
J. A. Blunt	-	-	-	-	-	\$2 50
Hiram Litchfield	-	-	-	-	-	17 55
Albion G. Nichols	-	-	-	-	-	18 92
R. C. Totten	-	-	-	-	-	1 00
George N. Hutchinson	-	-	-	-	-	1 95
Alden S. Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	13 28
Michael Forbes & Son	-	-	-	-	-	28 50
Richard B. Nichols	-	-	-	-	-	19 50
John Stock	-	-	-	-	-	9 38
Wendell Bancroft	-	-	-	-	-	17 50
Willard B. Nichols	-	-	-	-	-	1 05
Henry S. LaClair	-	-	-	-	-	28 30
Samuel Brown	-	-	-	-	-	20 95
Oren N. Jones	-	-	-	-	-	1 20
C. A. Weston	-	-	-	-	-	20 10
Asa Parker	-	-	-	-	-	12 00
George Beasley	-	-	-	-	-	10 00
Stillman M. Pratt	-	-	-	-	-	30 20
A. W. Carr	-	-	-	-	-	80
S. W. Bowker	-	-	-	-	-	77 94
						<hr/> \$332 62
Overdrawn	-	-	-	-	-	132 62
						<hr/> \$200 00

We herewith submit for your consideration the following list of appropriations which we deem necessary for the proper care of streets, walks and bridges for the ensuing year:

Highways and bridges	\$4500 00
Removing snow	350 00
Concrete walks and bridges provided abutters pay one-half	500 00
Concrete gutters and cross walks	300 00
Widening and grading Elliott street	450 00
Widening and grading Winthrop Avenue	200 00
Widening and grading Hopkins street	300 00
Piping and draining Woburn street	600 00
Building Middlesex avenue from Bancroft avenue to Lowell street	1700 00
Incidental highway expenses	300 00
Building sidewalk and grade Lowell street between Sanborn and Linden streets	200 00
To buy crushed stone	500 00
To be expended on sidewalks	300 00

We have to report outstanding bills amounting to one hundred and ninety-five dollars and eighty-two cents (\$195.82) against the highway account, and thirty-nine dollars and seventy cents (\$39.70) on Mineral street, but as they exceed the appropriations by about that amount they have not been paid. The proper credit to the concrete account should be three hundred and five dollars and eighty-five cents, (\$305.85) instead of one hundred and sixty-three dollars and forty-five cents, (\$163.45) the difference having been paid by the school committee and accounted for by them.

There is now due the town for work done on Prescott street sidewalk in 1889, sixty-six dollars (\$66.00) from the abutters. The bills were presented after the work was completed but have not been paid. There is also due for concreting in 1890, thirty-four dollars and twenty-eight cents, (\$34.28).

The Massachusetts Broken Stone Co., of Boston, with works at Salem, have sent an agent here who agrees to furnish us with crushed stone at one dollar and thirty cents per ton, delivered at our station, and we think it advisable to have an appropriation for that purpose.

DRAINS.

The work on Main street drain was only partially done as it had to be abandoned on account of the early freezing. The ditch has been widened and deepened from the bridge to Cross street, pipe laid and covered between the two bridges on Main street. We recommend that the unexpended balance be appropriated to complete the work.

BRIDGES.

Mineral street bridge has been replanked. The one on Main street, near Cross, has been extended and the ditch between the two filled, so that the danger of a serious accident at that place is averted. The bridge at the foot of the hill on Pleasant street must be rebuilt this year and in connection with that the ditch below should be opened.

SIDEWALKS.

About the Union street school a new sidewalk has been constructed, also on Summer avenue in front of Mr. E. N. Hunt's and Mr. Frank Lewis' residences. The gravel walks are in fair condition but with the growth of the town there is a constant demand for new and better walks, but as money used for that purpose has to be taken from the highways we believe there should be an appropriation for that purpose. If a sidewalk should be constructed on Lowell street, adjoining land of Mr. James Wight, it would be necessary to remove a row of maple trees, as they are several feet too near the road centre.

STREETS.

Mineral street has been extended and the hill graded. The upper end of Pearl street has been re-located and constructed. Pleasant street has been re-graded, the hill on John street has been graded, Linden street has been filled and a sidewalk constructed. A long piece of Main street between the railroad and hill end, has been re-graded, and the streets are generally in good condition, except the unavoidable bad places caused from laying the water pipes; but we have found the contractor through his superintendant, Mr. Dyer, always willing to do everything necessary to remedy any disadvantage caused from their work.

CHARLES A. WESTON,	} Street Commissioners of Reading.
HENRY S. LACLAIR,	
SAMUEL W. BOWKER,	

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

HARLEY PRENTISS, COLLECTOR,

IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

DR.

To uncollected taxes for 1888	.	.	\$1,247 88
“ collected interest for 1888	.	.	110 01
“ additional assessments for 1888	.		31 00
“ abated taxes collected for 1888	.		7 76
“ uncollected taxes for 1889	.	.	10,849 37
“ collected interest for 1889	.	.	380 21
“ committed list for taxes 1890	.	.	42,584 96
“ interest collected for taxes 1890	.		62 80
			<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$55,273 99

CR.

By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, for 1888 taxes	.	.	.	.	\$1,396 65
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, for 1889 taxes	.	.	.	.	9,772 47
By cash paid Edward F. Parker, Treasurer, for 1890 taxes	.	.	.	.	32,146 46
By uncollected taxes for 1889	.	.			1,457 11
“ “ “ “ 1890	.	.			10,501 30
					<hr style="width: 10%; margin-left: 0;"/> \$55,273 99

HARLEY PRENTISS, *Collector.*

READING, March 16, 1891.

DR.

EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER, IN

To cash in Treasury, March 1st, 1890.....	\$7,436 47
“ From State Treasury, bal. of corporation tax, 1888 and 1889	182 51
“ “ “ “ corporation tax, 1890.....	1,800 72
“ “ “ “ National Bank tax.....	716 69
“ “ “ “ State Aid, Chap. 279, Acts 1889....	84 00
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 301, Acts 1889....	1,012 50
“ “ County Treasurer, dog tax....	305 35
“ “ Blackstone Nat. Bank, for interest on deposits....	183 41
“ “ School Committee, books and supplies sold....	18 31
“ “ “ “ for Tuition	68 00
“ “ “ “ from Mass. School Fund.....	424 33
“ “ Trustees of Cemetery, for lots sold.....	573 25
“ “ “ “ “ wood sold.....	9 25
“ “ “ “ “ use of hearse.....	6 00
“ “ Road Commissioners, concrete and edgestone acc’t	163 45
“ “ “ “ for material sold.....	1 20
“ “ Serena Coggin, cemetery bequest.....	100 00
“ “ Margret A. Town Executor, Cemetery bequest...	100 00
“ “ R. Dexter Temple, auctioneer’s license.....	2 00
“ “ City of Cambridge, support of Frank Hubbard...	20 26
“ “ “ “ Woburn, “ “ Mrs. B. F. Wood..	1 79
“ “ Town of Wakefield, “ “ Thomas Welch....	2 00
“ “ “ “ Sherburn, “ “ Mrs. Chas. H. Leland	45 00
“ “ Overseers of the Poor, pension of Cath. O. Keefe	144 00
“ “ “ “ “ State aid of “ “ “	8 00
“ “ “ “ “ Almshouse account.....	219 70
“ “ Clerk of District Court, for fines.....	23 00
“ “ Gusepi Queino, for license.....	10 00
“ Received for estate sold for tax.....	190 00
“ “ “ tax paid after abatement.....	2 31
“ “ from estate of Ezekiel White, for board.....	57 00
“ Paid to Treasurer, on orders drawn.....	660 04
“ Received from Harley Prentiss, collector’s list, 1888....	1,396 65
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1889....	9,772 47
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ 1890....	32,146 46
	<u>\$57,870 87</u>

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL FUND RECEIPTS.

March, 1890, balance from 1890.....	\$263 08
Jan. 27, 1891, received from State Treasurer.....	184 19
	<u>\$447 27</u>

ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF READING.

CR.

By paying State Tax.....	\$ 2,205 00
“ “ County Tax.....	2,028 78
“ “ Selectmen's orders.....	47,698 67
“ Cash in Treasury, cemetery bequests.....	1,625 00
“ “ “ “ from estates sold for taxes.....	340 00
“ “ “ Treasury	3,973 42

\$57,870 87

ACCOUNT OF SCHOOL FUND EXPENDED.

Expended for Teachers' Salaries	\$424 33
Unexpended.....	22 94

\$447 27
EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

DR.

TOWN OF READING WATER SUPPLY IN

To cash received for bonds sold.....	\$150,000 00
“ “ “ hired money, temporary loan.....	10,000 00
“ “ “ from premium on bonds.....	2,791 00
“ “ “ interest accrued on bonds sold.....	742 22
“ “ “ “ on deposits in bank.....	379 50
“ “ “ from Water Commissioners for service pipe	327 61
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	\$164,240 33

ACCOUNT WITH EDWARD F. PARKER, TREASURER.

CR.

By paying Water Commissioners orders.....	\$123,008 82
“ Cash in Treasury.....	41,231 51

 \$164,240 33
EDWARD F. PARKER, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1891.

LIABILITIES.

Town notes outstanding March 1, 1890	-	\$30,000	00
Town notes outstanding March 1, 1891,			
other than water bonds	- - -		\$20,500 00
Interest accrued on Town notes to March 1,			
other than water bonds	- - -		93 33
Water bonds outstanding March 1, 1891	-	150,000	00
Interest on same to March 1, 1891	- -	1,500	00
Due Fire Department, estimated	- -	1,000	00
Miscellaneous debts, estimated	- - -	250	00
Cash on hand from Real Estate sold for taxes			340 00

TRUST FUNDS.

Bequest of Nancy Wakefield	- - -	\$100	00
" Thomas Sweetser	- - -	100	00
" Sabina Nichols	- - -	100	00
" Martha Pike	- - -	25	00
" Sarah Batchelder	- - -	25	00
" George L. Smith	- - -	200	00
" Susan A. Martin	- - -	100	00
" Susan Wright, Elizabeth Preston and			
Margaret Gilman	- -	75	00
" T. T. Greenwood	- - -	500	00

Amounts carried forward, - \$1,225 00 173,683 33

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	-	-	\$1,225 00	\$173,683 33
Bequest of Sarah G. Temple	-	-	100 00	
“ Elizabeth B. Eames and Ida L. Nelson	-	-	100 00	
“ Serena Coggin	-	-	100 00	
“ Margaret Towne	-	-	100 00	
			<hr/>	\$1,625 00
Interest accrued on above funds not yet expended	-	-	-	41 50
				<hr/>
				\$175,349 83

AVAILABLE ASSETS.

Unpaid taxes of 1889	-	-	-	\$1,457 11	
“ “ 1890	-	-	-	10,501 30	
Interest accrued on unpaid taxes	-	-		386 35	
Due from Commonwealth of Massachusetts					
on account of State paupers	-	-		22 10	
Due from City of Woburn	-	-	-	19 26	
“ “ City of Cambridge	-	-	-	27 00	
“ “ State aid account	-	-	-	1,002 00	
“ “ Military aid	-	-	-	33 00	
“ “ Estate of Clara Chute	-	-	-	37 64	
“ “ Estate of Ezekiel White	-	-	-	87 21	
Cash in Treasury, water supply	-	-	-	41,231 51	
Cash in Treasury, trust funds	-	-	-	1,625 00	
“ “ “ real estate sold for taxes				340 00	
Other cash in Treasury	-	-	-	3,973 42	\$60,742 90
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Net debt, March, 1890	-	-	-		11,208 29
Net debt, other than water, March					
1, 1891	-	-	-		4,255 44
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We have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Water Commissioners and find satisfactory vouchers for all expenditures.

We have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk, Collector and Treasurer and find them correct.

All the outstanding notes and bonds bear interest at 4 per cent.

No note comes due until 1893, when \$12,000.00 is payable on January first, and \$500.00 on July ninth.

If the cash now in the Treasury is appropriated for the payment of these together with the usual 1 per cent. on valuation this year and next, they will be taken care of without extra effort.

We are glad to find the accounts of the Water Commissioners kept by double entry, thereby making it possible to balance the books, and we think all the town accounts should be so kept. We recommend that the town take action looking to the adoption of such a system.

We know that there are unpaid betterments, but can find no account of such on any town book.

JACOB MITCHELL,	}	Auditors.
E. N. HUNT,		
HARRY P. BOSSON,		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, of the Town of Reading:

The Board of Engineers submit their annual report for the year eighteen hundred and ninety.

During the past year the Department has responded to the following alarms:

1890. April 3, 1 20 P.M., Box 24. Henhouse of Mr. Washburn, High St. Loss, \$15.00. Insurance, none.

April 3, 6.05 P.M., Box 8. Smoking furnace in Congregational church. No loss.

April 23, 1.15 P.M., Box 37. Woodland, N. W. Carter, Haverhill St. No loss.

July 4, 4 A.M., Box 42. Unoccupied building on Washington St. Loss, \$35.00.

Aug. 7, 12.35 P.M., Box 8. Brush fire North of Lowell St. No loss.

Aug. 25, 3.58 A.M., Box 62. Shop of John Blunt. No loss.

Nov. 29, 5 P.M., Box 55.

1891. Jan. 18, 9.50 P. M., Box 62. Burning chimney at Wm. G. White's, Ash St. No loss.

Jan. 24, 5.45 P.M., Box 13. House of Geo. T. Angell, Main St. Loss, \$275.00. Insurance, \$2,000. Insurance paid, \$275.00.

In no previous year has the loss by fire been so slight, and, with the present increased facilities for extinguishing fires, the engineers think that a reduction in the rate of insurance should be made by the underwriters.

The department has been improved by the addition of eighty (80) hydrants in various parts of the town along the line of the new water supply system. There are still many parts of the town where the system is not yet available, but the engineers hope to see the water system so extended that all may have the benefit of better protection from fire.

The introduction of water makes it necessary to purchase new hose, as it would be unsafe to trust our old leather hose, which has been in use eighteen years and some even a longer time. The recent erection of large factories also makes it necessary to make additions to our ladder apparatus. Our spliced ladders have been in use since the hook and ladder company was formed, and they are very much out of date in comparison with modern improved ladders, and they are also so unsafe that the men dislike to trust themselves upon them. The engineers recommend the purchase of a Somerville extension ladder, which is much more convenient and readily handled, and is superior in every way to those we now have. The old ladders would still be available as short ladders.

The fire alarm system has given excellent satisfaction, but some parts of the town are not sufficiently protected. The engineers advise the erection of a box near the residence of Mr. Chas. A. Weston, at the Woburn line. Other additions to the system will soon be desirable.

The town has voted to increase the pay of the firemen, so the engineers are obliged to ask the town to increase the annual appropriation; the expense of maintaining the fire alarm system also makes a larger appropriation necessary.

We have added to our apparatus two hydrant gates and a suction coupling, which were necessities on account of the introduction of hydrant service. The "Red Jacket" hose carriage, with 500 feet of hose, has been placed in the steamer house, so that in case of fire in the centre of the town we need not wait for horses, as the engineers believe in attacking a fire in its earliest stages if possible.

The engineers recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year. For regular expenses, \$2,500; for additional alarm box, \$75; for new hose, \$700; for Somerville extension ladder, \$150.

In conclusion the board thanks and commends the members of the department for their efficient service during the past year.

E. C. NICHOLS, *Chief Engineer.*
WM. L. CROWE,
WILMOT K. PRATT,
WENDELL BANCROFT, *Clerk.*

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,350 00
Pay roll	\$1,225 37
Geo. M. Stevens, labor and supplies	105 98
Wm. L. Crowe, engineer	25 00
Wilmot K. Pratt, engineer	25 00
Wendell Bancroft, engineer and clerk	30 00
Edward C. Nichols, chief engineer	35 00
Edward C. Nichols, care of fire alarm	50 00
Wendell Bancroft, coal, labor and lumber	184 99
Leonard T. Eames, engineer steamer, labor and care of hose	106 65
Frank F. Strout, engineer steamer, supplies and care of hose	217 95
Samuel W. Bowker, drawing steamer, hose carriage and labor	230 00
A. Howard Pearsons, teams	14 00
George E. Lang, drawing engine	1 50
W. H. Bancroft, steward of Hancock engine and labor	40 00
Henry Gorus, labor	1 50
Samuel Brown, labor, self and team	17 00
Henry Stock, janitor	33 80
John D. Cauty, watching fire, Black's block	2 00
Joseph White, " " " "	2 00
Chas. S. Cook, " " " "	2 00
George M. Hutchinson, labor	1 00
A. W. Danforth, steward, Hook and Ladder Co., to May 1st, 1890	7 50
Citizens' Gas-Light Co., gas	15 80
W. H. Twombly & Sons, fire alarm cards	4 50
Beal & Clement, expressing	3 35
George Sherwood, fireman and extra labor	6 73
E. E. Smith, repairing boilers and wrench	12 00
Peter Bonorie, calking steamer tubes	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$2,405 62</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	.	.	.	\$2,405	62	
H. C. Watson, new cistern tops	.	.	.	1	57	
H. K. Austin, labor, pipe and fittings	.	.	.	7	57	
T. Littlefield, oil cans	.	.	.		75	
Francis Bros., screws, washers and chain	.	.	.		80	
Wm. G. White, expressing	.	.	.		85	
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					\$2,417	16
						\$2,417 16
Appropriation,	.	.	.	\$2,350	00	
Overdrawn	.	.	.		67	16
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					\$2,417	16

FIRE ALARM BOX—HAVERHILL AND MAIN STREETS.

Appropriation	\$60	00
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm box	\$46	00
Unexpended	14	00
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							\$60 00

POLICE REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF READING.

Gentlemen: We submit the Annual Police Report for the year ending March 1st, 1891:

Number of arrests for assault	.	.	.	.	.	4
“ “ “ “ bastardy	.	.	.	.	.	1
“ “ “ as common drunkards	.	.	.	.	.	2
“ “ “ for disturbing the peace	.	.	.	.	.	1
“ “ “ “ drunkenness	.	.	.	.	.	10
“ “ “ “ evading car fare	1
“ “ “ “ insanity	2
“ “ “ “ larceny	7
“ “ “ “ vagrancy	3

Whole number of arrests for the year	.	.	.	31
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Number of tramps lodged during the year 438, being 76 less than the previous year.

Number of doors found unlocked 13.

Two lost children have been restored to their parents.

One stray team returned to its owner.

One fire alarm rung in.

Thirteen dogs killed.

This year the extinguishing of the street lights have been added to the duties of the police.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY STOCK,	}	<i>Constables and Police of Reading.</i>
CLARENCE J. NICHOLS,		

TRUSTEES OF THE CEMETERY.

The Cemetery during the past year has been under the general charge of Mr. R. Dexter Temple, who at the first meeting of the Board was elected Superintendent. Mr. Oren N. Jones was elected Assistant Superintendent.

It was found from the manner in which the new tomb had been built that it was utterly impossible to keep sods in place upon it as every heavy rain would wash them off. By extending the front, and building pillars at each front corner, we have obviated the difficulty and added much to its appearance, in fact we have done the best we could with it taking it as it was. After a few years when creeping vines have been trained over it we trust all will be pleased with it.

The Trustees, in compliance with a vote of the Town, have selected a name for the cemetery. The people were asked to send in names for consideration of the Trustees, and we found from the large number received it was evident our people were greatly interested in the cemetery, and especially the ladies. Many attractive names were received, but the one unanimously chosen by the Trustees was that of "Laurel Hill," sent in by Miss Phila A. Bancroft.

It is recommended that the three gateways be spanned in some way, and the name be over each one.

We have long felt the need of running water in the cemetery, both for the accommodation of the great number of people who visit it every season, and of the lot owners. We recommend that two or more drinking fountains be placed there this season.

The new lot of land acquired by the town for the extension of the cemetery has been cleared and is now ready to be laid out in lots and avenues whenever it may be deemed necessary.

A full statement of all expenses connected with the care of the cemetery will be found in the Report of the Selectmen and Treasurer.

A new tool house of larger capacity is very much needed and we recommend that the old hearse house which is now unused be moved

to a more convenient locality and used for that purpose. We would also recommend that the sum of six hundred dollars, together with the proceeds of the sale of lots, be raised and appropriated by the town for the care of the cemetery, all needed repairs and the removal of the hearse house. It has been deemed expedient by the Trustees to somewhat advance the price of lots, as we found we were selling them so much lower than many other towns that non-residents were buying lots here, and might in time crowd out our own residents. Therefore at a meeting held June 5, 1890, it was "voted that no person purchasing a lot in the cemetery shall be allowed to transfer it, or any part of it, to any non-resident, without a majority vote of the Trustees permitting him to do so, and this restriction shall be inserted in all deeds given after this date."

We feel that our beautiful cemetery is in a much better condition in every way than it ever has been before, and hope that the interest now manifested by so large a number will continue to increase until this resting-place of our dear departed friends and loved ones shall be a most beautiful spot which all will be proud to visit.

Respectfully submitted,

R. DEXTER TEMPLE, *Chairman.*

A. W. DANFORTH, *Secretary.*

GALEN A. PARKER,

ALDEN BATCHELDER,

OREN N. JONES,

WARREN E. EATON.

} *Trustees
of the
Cemetery.*

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report :—

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation.	\$450 00	
Amount of Dog Tax	305 35	
	<hr/>	\$755 35
Expenditures :—		
Rent	\$180 00	
Services, librarians, and care of rooms .	206 00	
Books, bookbinding, supplies and inci-		
dentials	137 59	
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	\$523 59	
Bills outstanding for books . . .	231 76	
	<hr/>	\$755 35

FINE ACCOUNT.

Received for fines	\$40 26	
Cards	4 20	
Catalogues	8 25	
Waste paper	20	
	<hr/>	\$52 91
Paid for expressage	\$2 80	
Books	6 00	
Incidentals	1 58	
	<hr/>	\$10 38
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Balance		\$42 53

The following volumes have been presented to the library :—

NAME OF DONOR.	NO. OF VOLUMES.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, reports .	7
United States, documents and reports . .	6
Miss Phila Bancroft	1
Jessie Grouard	6
Wilford Woodruff	1
Total	21

The total number of volumes now in the library is 6,248. The circulation for the year was 14,575. The largest number of volumes in circulation was in March, 1,599 ; the smallest in September, 857.

In the financial statement above, appears the item, “ Bills outstanding for books, \$231.76.” This sum should have been paid, as was intended, out of the appropriation made by the town for the support of the library. Unfortunately the bills were not rendered until the books had been closed by the disbursing officers. The amount therefore remains in the treasury, and cannot be drawn without authorization by the town at its forth-coming annual meeting. We therefore recommend that this sum be appropriated out of the treasury for the payment of the bills outstanding. We further recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 in addition to the dog tax, for the maintenance of the library during the ensuing year, this being the same amount as authorized last year.

The terms of Messrs. Chas. D. Thomas and Harley Prentiss, of the Board of Trustees, expire. Two members therefore require to be elected at the ensuing town meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE G. WADLIN, *Chairman.*
CYRUS M. BARROWS, *Secretary.*
JAMES H. GRIGGS,
WALTER S. PARKER,
HARLEY PRENTISS,
CHAS. D. THOMAS,

Trustees.

READING, March 7, 1891.

TOWN OF READING.

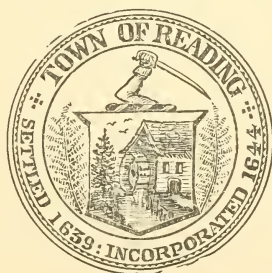
FIRST

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WATER COMMISSIONERS,

For the Financial Year Ending March 1, 1891.



REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF READING :

We have the honor of placing before you the first annual Report of the Board of Water Commissioners and the Superintendent.

At a town meeting held March 28, 1890, the Board of Water Commissioners were authorized to make contracts for a water supply system substantially in accordance with their recommendations contained in their report submitted to the town at that time. They were also authorized to petition the General Court for an Act enabling the town to issue water bonds to an amount not exceeding \$50,000, in addition to the \$100,000 already authorized by law. This petition was presented to the legislature and an Act passed and approved April 26, 1890, granting the desired authority.

At a town meeting held May 14, 1890, the above Act was accepted and the town treasurer authorized to issue bonds to the amount of \$150,000.

Following the vote of the town authorizing the commissioners to make contracts for the construction of the works the first duty was to engage the services of an engineer, and after due consideration it was decided to employ Mr. M. M. Tidd, Civil Engineer, of Boston, who had planned the system recommended in our report. His agreement, including the making of all surveys and plans required, the preparation of all specifications and contracts, the laying out location of the various parts of the work, inspections of material and the superintending of construction.

Mr. Tidd immediately commenced operations and prepared specifications for cast-iron pipe, pipe-laying, &c.

PIPES.

Proposals for 1,412 tons of cast-iron pipe were received as follows :

Gloucester Iron Works	\$41,042 52
R. D. Wood & Co.	42,430 60
Warren Foundry	43,694 60
McNeal Pipe & Foundry Co.	43,772 00

The contract was awarded to the Gloucester Iron Works, they being the lowest bidder. They also gave us prices for special castings, but as they could not deliver them on time we thought it best to purchase the globe specials from the Builders Iron Foundry, of Providence, R. I.

GATES AND HYDRANTS.

Proposals for gates and hydrants were received as follows :

Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	Gates, \$2,331 67	Hydrants, \$2,559 48
Coffin Valve Mfg. Co.	“ 2,184 71	“ 2,213 75
R. D. Wood & Co.	“ 2,300 00	“

The contract was awarded to the Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., although they were not the lowest bidder ; after careful examination and inquiry, we considered the article manufactured by them the best for our use.

STAND-PIPE.

The stand-pipe is located on Auburn Street on land purchased of Miss S. Maria Parker for \$600, comprising about seven-eighths of an acre.

The foundation was built by contract by M. Forbes & Son, and is 32 feet in diameter and about seven feet deep, built upon a ledge as solid as stone and cement could make it. For building a wrought iron reservoir thirty feet in diameter and one hundred feet high, upon this foundation, five proposals were received, as follows :

Porter Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y.	\$12,340 00
Edward Kendall & Son, Cambridge	13,500 00
H. S. Robinson, Boston	12,432 00
Cunningham Iron Works Co., Boston	13,800 00
E. Hodge & Co., East Boston	11,845 00

The contract was awarded to E. Hodge & Co., of East Boston, who have about completed the body of the tank, which has been filled with water and has every appearance of being well built. There still remains to complete the stand-pipe the placing in position of an iron roof and balcony, and the painting of the whole, all of which is under contract and will be finished at an early date.

PIPE LAYING.

Fourteen proposals were received for pipe laying, as follows :

Charles H. Eglee	\$29,959 50
John O. Haskell	30,599 30
Charles H. Rollins	27,157 55
Daniel Dacey & Co.	27,529 75
Rooke & Berry	33,624 49
Frank McCusker	21,241 75
Geo. Goodhue & E. J. Chadourne.	39,985 90
F. R. Page & J. P. Parker	28,510 10
James J. Newman	27,435 20
J. H. Leavitt	41,421 70
A. Michilini & Co.	27,435 20
C. P. Horton & Co.	28,652 10
Ferris & Halliday	29,465 55
John T. Langford	25,748 75

The contract was, after careful consideration, awarded to John T. Langford, of Newton, who began work July 14th, and has pushed the work along as fast as possible, but the ground freezing up early in December he was unable to complete the work, there being now about 3,000 feet of six-inch pipe to lay. The water has now been in the pipes already laid about three weeks, and the work appears to have been well done.

At the last annual town meeting, it was voted that grades be established on streets to be piped. This has been done by the Road Commissioners and the pipes have been laid to conform to those grades. This has increased the cost of laying considerably, as nearly all the deep cuts were in ledges making 394.8 cubic yards extra rock cut at \$5.00 per yard, \$1,974; and 506.7 cubic yards extra earth cut at \$0.50, \$253.35, making a total extra cost of \$2,227.35, which was not included in the estimate made by the engineer.

PUMPING STATION.

The pumping station, a substantial brick building, is located on the east side of Mill street, on land purchased of the heirs of J. H. Sanborn for \$200, comprising about one acre.

Two proposals were received for laying the foundation for the pumping station and chimney, as follows:—

H. C. Watson, of Reading	\$2,900 00
M. Forbes & Son, of Reading	5,700 00

The contract was awarded to H. C. Watson.

For the building and chimney three proposals were received.

F. H. Tarbox, Boston	\$9,678 00
Sampson Clark & Co., Boston	6,995 00
Gooch & Pray	6,373 00

The contract was awarded to Gooch & Pray, and the building is nearly completed.

PUMPING MACHINERY.

The following proposals were received for pumping machinery:—

Geo. F. Blake Manufacturing Company, one pump of 1,000,000 gallons capacity and two boilers, \$9,297; two pumps 600,000 gallons capacity, each, and two boilers, \$10,247

Deane Steam Pump Company, one pump of 1,000,000 gallons capacity and two boilers, \$9,248; two pumps 600,000 gallons capacity, each, and two boilers, \$10,280.

The Gordon Steam Pump Company made a proposal, but, as it was not based on the requirements of the engineer's plans and specifications, their bid was not considered. After visiting several pumping stations where different machinery was in operation, we awarded the contract for two pumps and two boilers to the Geo. F. Blake Manufacturing Company. This machinery has been set up at the pumping station, and, although not all completed, is working well.

FILTER GALLERY.

The source of supply recommended in our report of March, 1890, was from wells near the Ipswich River, where a few experimental wells had already been driven. Before making contracts for this part of the work, it was suggested by the engineer that possibly a further test of the conditions existing below the surface at the proposed source of supply might prove more favorable to the construction of the Filter Gallery mentioned in his report, than the wells already driven had indicated. Continued tests were made during

the spring and summer, and in August we were advised by the engineer to substitute a Filter Gallery at an estimated cost of \$9,000, for driven wells at an estimated cost of \$5,931.

Our advertisement for proposals resulted in one bid only, from Mr. C. P. Horton, of Somerville, for \$8,000, which proposal he afterwards withdrew. We then asked for proposals from other parties, and one was received from Mr. J. H. Leavitt, of Boston, offering to do the work for \$16,000. We also received from him a proposal that he would furnish men, engines, boilers, pumps, etc., at a certain stated price per day; and this latter proposal, by advice of our engineer, we accepted.

Work was commenced at once by Mr. Leavitt, and prosecuted with as few delays as could be expected, considering the season of the year, his work having been completed during the month of February.

We here submit a detailed statement of receipts and expenditures.

PRELIMINARY SURVEYS.

Paid M. M. Tidd, engineer, for services, . . .	\$579 46
B. F. Smith, for driving wells, . . .	224 25
Heliotype Printing Co., printing plans, . .	42 50
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing reports, . .	32 50
Henry Stock, distributing reports, . . .	6 00
S. W. Bowker, carriage hire, . . .	13 00
W. G. White, express, . . .	40
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	\$898 11

INTEREST.

Received from Barnard & Stanwood, accrued interest, .	\$226 67
Interest on deposit in bank, . . .	379 50
From Warren Institution for Savings, accr'd int.,	515 55
Paid December interest on bonds, . . . \$1,000 00	
Barnard & Stanwood, int. on loan, . . . 60 00	
First Nat. Bank of Reading, int. on loan, 100 00	
Balance, . . .	38 28
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	\$1,160 00
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	\$1,160 00

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Rec'd from First Nat. Bank of Reading,	\$ 10,000 00
Paid First National Bank of Reading,	\$10,000 00

TOOLS.

Paid S. M. Spencer, branding iron,	\$ 1 25
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	50
Globe Gas-Light Co., gasoline furnace and torch,	13 00
J. A. Blunt, steeling picks and making drills,	26 25
Sumner & Goodwin, solder irons, &c.,	4 51
Joseph Breck & Son, bars and spade,	6 03
Dodge, Haley & Co., shovels and pick eyes,	28 89
Union Meter Co., lining press,	50 00
Beal & Clement, express,	2 65
Chadwick Iron Works, steel, gate wrenches, &c.,	32 57
Perrin, Seamans & Co., lead furnace, &c.,	10 00
Walworth Manufacturing Co., drills and tools,	114 77
W. Bancroft, carpenter tools,	5 99
F. O. Dewey Co., lanterns,	4 50
Burditt & Williams, tools,	6 59
Boston & Lockport Block Co., block,	9 75
F. Bartley, rubber mittens,	1 65
Francis Brothers, axes, handles, &c.,	6 38
O. O. Ordway, bar,	1 00
George H. Atkinson, oil cans and brush,	3 00

 \$329 88

SERVICE PIPES.

Paid W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing and advertising,	\$ 27 72
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	7 47
American Express Co.,	1 25
Superintendent's salary,	40 00
M. Forbes & Son, teaming and labor,	16 24
Globe Gas-Light Co., gasoline,	75
J. A. Blunt, sharpening tools,	7 37

Amount carried forward, \$100 80

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$100 80
Chadwick Lead Works, lead pipe, . . .	59 71
Sumner & Goodwin, solder, &c., . . .	10 28
Walworth Manufacturing Co.. pipe, . . .	552 34
W. Bancroft, cement,	13 80
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	6 50
King & Goddard, fittings,	7 15
Francis Brothers, fittings, &c.,	65
J. T. Langford, labor,	7 75
George H. Atkinson, kerosene oil, &c., . .	2 79
H. K. Austin,	1 24
L. M. Bancroft, setting glass, &c., . . .	53
Labor,	464 31
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	\$1,221 85
Received for service pipes,	\$327 61

CONSTRUCTION EXPENSES.

Paid Story, Thorndike & Hoar, legal advice, . .	\$ 25 00
H. Mitchell, seal,	55 00
John Lowell, legal advice,	200 00
Winslow Warren, legal advice,	25 00
Boston Advertiser, advertising sale of bonds, .	37 73
“ Herald, “ “ “ “	52 76
“ Journal, “ “ “ “	20 00
L. M. Bancroft, services as superintendent, . .	379 85
George E. Lang, hack,	2 50
Heliotype Printing Co., printing bonds, . .	158 50
M. M. Tidd, on account, services as engineer, .	2,500 00
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	\$3,454 34

WELLS.

Paid B. F. Smith, for driving wells,	\$820 00
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PIPE LINE.

Paid Engineering and Building Record, advertising,	\$ 5 20
Engineering News, advertising,	7 20
Boston Journal, "	10 63
Boston Herald, "	12 50
Gloucester Iron Works, pipe,	41,126 18
A. W. Morgan Manufacturing Co., gate boxes, .	556 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	9 79
Davis & Farnham Manufacturing Co., plugs, .	21 39
Builders' Iron Foundry, specials,	1,645 20
J. F. McMacon, labor,	4 00
Coffin Valve Manufacturing Co.,	38 50
Dodge, Haley & Co., bolts,	2 13
Beal & Clement, express,	1 25
Perrin, Seamans & Co., yarn and clay, . . .	7 49
Walworth Manufacturing Co., service boxes, .	54 01
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	33 75
Francis Brothers, red lead,	12
W. G. White, express,	1 00
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., gates and hydrants, .	5,358 27
Taunton Locomotive Mfg. Co., specials, . .	98 88
John T. Langford, pipe laying,	23,641 07
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	\$72,634 56

STAND-PIPE.

Paid S. Maria Parker, for land,	\$ 600 00
A. P. French, examining title,	15 00
Recording deed,	95
M. Forbes & Son, foundation,	931 22
E. Hodge & Co., on account, for tank, . .	5,822 50
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	\$7,369 67

SUCTION PIPE.

Paid Howard Brush Co., machine work, . . .	\$ 2 25
J. T. Langford, laying pipe,	1,719 38
Taunton Locomotive Mfg. Co., specials, . .	83 27
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	5 75
Cast iron pipe,	465 76
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	\$2,227 41

METERS.

Paid freight and express,	\$ 63
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OFFICE.

Paid F. W. Bird, letter-book, press and file,	\$ 9 50
J. W. Spokesfield, labor,	11 74
Derby & Kilmer, desk and chair,	77 00
F. W. Barry. Beal & Co., account books,	9 80
L. M. Ham & Co., keys and labor,	2 08
Samuel Ward & Co., account book,	2 75
L. M. Bancroft, postage stamps,	5 00
J. Flint, labor,	21 80
C. M. Barrows & Co., book and stationery,	19 50
W. P. B. Brooks & Co., chairs,	6 00
Beal & Clement, express,	2 40
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	5 00
S. M. Spencer, rubber stamp,	1 60
Heliotype Printing Co., order book,	30 00
L. M. Bancroft, stationery,	3 35
Citizen's Gas-Light Co., gas,	9 25
F. W. Barry, Beal & Co., waste basket, &c.,	2 50
W. H. Twombly & Sons, printing,	4 75
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing,	26 50
S. M. Spencer & Co., stamp,	1 80
G. F. King & Merrill, blank books,	28 00
Francis Brothers, shears,	90
W. G. White, express,	45
C. L. Martin, wood,	4 65
M. A. Stone, duster,	2 00
Solon Bancroft's executor, rent,	80 00
L. M. Bancroft, ink,	25

 \$368 57

PUMPING STATION.

Paid D. C. Sanborn, for land,	\$ 200 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	3 76

Amount carried forward,

 \$203 76

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$203 76
Recording deeds,	1 35
H. C. Watson, extra work,	904 59
Telegrams,	54
J. F. McMacon, labor,	94 00
Coffin Valve Manufacturing Co., castings,	468 31
Beal & Clement, express,	7 48
T. R. Newhall, granite,	810 32
Waldo Brothers, cement,	8 03
Francis Brothers, lock and stove-pipe,	1 25
George McQuestin & Co., hard pine for scales,	9 04
F. F. Strout, labor,	38 84
M. A. Stone, salt,	40
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	28 25
H. K. Austin, pipe fittings,	22 99
A. P. French, examining title,	15 00
Gooch & Pray,	4,873 00
H. C. Watson,	1,993 25
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	\$9,480 40

FILTER GALLERY.

Paid S. T. Manson & Co., teaming lumber,	\$ 10 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	4 12
S. W. Bowker, teaming lumber and gravel,	567 27
Rosin,	23
I. A. Moulton, teaming,	16 74
Reardon & Son, tallow,	12 72
A. M. Stetson & Co., lumber,	1,297 51
Coffin Valve Co., gate,	75 00
Driving plate,	2 92
Beal & Clement, express,	4 95
Chadwick Iron Works, iron work,	13 22
W. Bancroft, coal and lumber,	1,817 76
F. M. Whiton & Co., ropes,	48 31
Braman, Dow & Co., packing,	1 30
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$3,872 05

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,872 05
F. Bartley, rubber boots,	109 00
F. Parker, rubber boots,	18 20
Francis Brothers, axes and handles,	1 60
S. Brown, teaming,	3 00
Dennis Batchelder, teaming,	46 12
C. A. Noyes & Co., belt lacing,	3 00
G. H. Atkinson,	67
J. H. Eames, team,	37 80
F. H. Morsman,	395 52
N. Bancroft, rubber boots,	2 75
M. Forbes & Son, teaming,	13 60
H. K. Austin, pipe fittings,	5 65
J. H. Leavitt, machinery and labor,	8,110 29
T. R. Newhall, on account, for stone,	200 00
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	\$12,819 35

MAINTENANCE.

Paid Bay State Belting Co., waste,	\$ 9 93
Leonard & Ellis, oil,	49 50
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight,	25
W. Bancroft, coal,	40 63
F. F. Strout, services as engineer,	72 24
S. W. Bowker, teaming,	1 50
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	\$173 05

RECEIPTS.

Bonds sold,	\$150,000 00
Notes First National Bank,	10,000 00
Premium on bonds,	2,791 00
Accrued interest on bonds,	742 22
Interest on deposits,	379 50
Service pipe,	327 61
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	\$164,240 33

EXPENDITURES.

Stand-pipe,	\$ 7,369 67
Suction pipe,	2,276 41
Meters,	63
Pumping station,	9,480 40
Filter gallery,	12,819 32
Service pipes,	1,221 85
Tools,	329 88
Maintenance,	173 05
Construction expenses,	3,456 34
Wells,	820 00
Office,	368 57
Preliminary surveys,	398 11
Interest,	1,160 00
Temporary loan,	10,000 00
Pipe line,	72,634 56
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	\$123,008 82
Cash in Town Treasurer's hands,	41,231 51
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	\$164,240 33

The following are estimated outstanding bills and amounts that will be due contractors when their several contracts are completed :

J. H. Leavitt,	\$ 1,379 90
Benjamin Eames,	475 00
George F. Blake Manufacturing Co.,	10,247 00
“ “ “ “	59 24
E. Hodge & Co.,	6,022 50
Gloucester Iron Works,	852 63
John T. Langford,	2,590 00
John T. Langford, pipe and laying,	1,167 00
H. C. Watson,	606 75
Gooch & Pray,	1,500 00
Gooch & Pray, extra,	346 55
M. M. Tidd,	1,954 00
F. H. Mossman,	125 00
T. R. Newhall,	138 00
Alfred G. Carter,	150 00
Fairbanks, Brown & Co.,	95 00
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	\$27,708 57

The above statement shows a balance of \$13,522.94 which can be expended for constructional purposes.

The cost of service pipes and connections must be deducted from this amount, say \$5,000, (about 30 per cent. of which will be repaid by the consumers) and certain uncompleted work connected with the filter gallery.

There will be a final balance in our favor of about \$10,000, and the Board would recommend that they be allowed to expend this in the erection of a dwelling house for the engineer on land owned by the town, adjoining the pumping station, for a tool shop and storage building combined, and for piping such additional streets as in the judgment of the Board may seem for the best interest of the Town.

The materials used in the different parts of the work have been the best of their several kinds, and on all important contracts public competition was invited.

The experience and good judgment of our engineer, Mr. M. M. Tidd, has been of great benefit to us, and the fact of our completing the works, including increased expenditures caused by change of street grades, by the filter gallery and other changes from original plans, within the sum stated by him in his estimate, is evidence of the careful study and attention to detail given to its preparation.

In September, 1890, Mr. L. M. Bancroft was, by vote of the Board, appointed to serve as Superintendent of the works for one year from October 1, and in January, 1891, Mr. Frank F. Strout was appointed Engineer in charge at the pumping station.

Thanking the citizens for their hearty co-operation with us, and for the general good-will and courtesy shown to the Board on many occasions, we remain,

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,	{	Water Commissioners.
GEO. E. ABBOTT,		
EDWARD C. NICHOLS,		

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS:

I herewith present my report for the year ending March 1, 1891.

As the works are not yet completed and are not considered as being in operation, but are still in the hands of the contractors, the principal work of the superintendent has been the putting in of service pipes and the general superintendence of construction.

The laying of service pipe began November 6, 1890, and to the present time one hundred and thirty applications have been received, and sixty services have been laid, two of which are large pipes to factories for fire protection.

There has been laid 2,604 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch cement-lined pipe, 1,421 feet of which is owned by individuals, and 1,183 feet by the town. Forty-four feet of six inch cast-iron pipe has been laid for fire service in two factories, the cost of which is charged to the owners, as no charge is made for water for fire protection.

The water has been turned on and is being used in thirty-three houses, but, owing to the uncertainty of the new machinery and pipe lines being in perfect order, it was thought best not to charge water rates before April 1st.

MAIN PIPE STOCK IN YARD.

36 feet of 12 inch pipe; 70 feet of 10 inch pipe; 18 feet of 8 inch pipe; 696 feet of 6 inch pipe; 60 feet of 4 inch pipe; one 12 inch, one 10 inch, one 6 inch, one 4 inch gates; two gate boxes; two hydrants; one 8 x 8 x 4 inch T; three 6 x 6 x 6 T's; five 8 x 8 x 6 inch T's; two 6 x 6 x 4 inch T's; one 8 x 6 x 8 inch T; two 10 x 10 x 10 inch T's; one 12 x 12 x 8 inch T; three 12 x 12 x 6 inch T's; four

6 inch sleeves ; five 8 inch sleeves ; three 10 inch sleeves ; twelve 8 inch plugs ; one 6 x 6 x 6 x 6 inch cross. We have also on hand, on the street, pipe enough to lay all unfinished proposed lines.

In conclusion, I would recommend that at your earliest convenience you build at the pumping station a house for the engineer, and at some convenient location near the centre of the town a shop for the use of this department.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS M. BANCROFT.

READING, March 18, 1891.

SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES
OF THE
READING WATER WORKS,
AND
RULES AND REGULATIONS,
October 1, 1890.

Water bills are due January 1 and July 1. Meter bills, January 1, April 1, July 1, October 1. Payable at office of superintendent, Bank Building.

WATER RATES.

The following rates are established until further notice.

DWELLING HOUSES.

	PER YEAR.
Occupied by one family, for first faucet,	\$6 00
For each additional faucet, to be used by the same family, . . .	2 00
If occupied by more than one family, one faucet being used by all, for each family,	5 00
If occupied by more than one family, each family having one faucet, for each family,	6 00
For the first bath tub,	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family, .	4 00
For each additional bath tub,	2 00
For first water closet,	5 00
If used by more than one family in same house, each family, .	4 00
For each additional water closet,	2 00
When set tubs are used, for set of three tubs,	5 00
For each self-closing urinal,	3 00

When two faucets are used, one for hot and one for cold, emptying into the same basin or tub, only one charge shall be made for both.

In cases where the charge for water used by a private family, exclusive of hose and stable, exceeds \$20.00, unless metered, special rates will be given.

BOARDING HOUSES.

For first faucet,	\$10 00
For each additional faucet,	3 00
For first bath tub,	10 00
For each additional bath tub,	3 00
For first water closet,	10 00
For each additional water closet,	3 00

Provided that no dwelling house or other building occupied by a family, containing less than three boarders, shall come under this class of takers.

Or, if so determined by the Water Commissioners, water to be measured.

STABLES.

First horse,	\$5 00
Each additional horse,	2 00
First cow or ox,	2 00
Each additional cow or ox,	1 00

The above prices include water for washing carriages without hose, when hose is used. \$5.00 per year will be charged for same with quarter-inch nozzle, and \$10 00 per year with half-inch.

OFFICES, STORES, BARBER SHOPS AND RESTAURANTS

when used for ordinary purposes, same rate as for dwelling houses.

HOSE.

For washing windows, sprinkling premises and streets in front, washing carriages or similar purposes, nozzle not to exceed a quarter of an inch in diameter, and use limited to two hours per day for six months in the year,	\$5 00
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MANUFACTURING PURPOSES.

Water to be measured; otherwise special rates.

BUILDING PURPOSES.

For each cask of lime or cement,	06
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METERS.

In no case where a meter is used shall the annual charge be less than twelve dollars, which minimum charge shall be payable in advance.

When meters are used they will be provided by the Commissioners, but their cost and all expense of setting and for repairs is to be paid by the user.

METER RATES.—Payable Quarterly.

For measured water, not more than 100,000 gallons per annum, per 1000 gallons,	\$ 30
More than 100,000 gallons and less than 500,000 gallons per annum, per 1000 gallons,	25
More than 500,000 gallons per annum, per 1000 gallons,	20

No person except the proper officer of the Water Department will be allowed to set, take off or repair meters.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The following regulations, until further notice, shall be considered a part of the contract with every person who uses water:

1.—All application for the use of water must be made at the office of the

Water Commissioners in the form prescribed, and state fully the purposes for which it is intended to be used, and signed by the owner of the premises or his duly authorized agent. The town will in all cases furnish and lay the service pipe from the street main to and through the cellar or basement wall and provide on the end thereof a stop and waste valve, and the owner of the premises shall in all cases pay for that portion of such service pipe as may be laid within his premises, together with the stop and waste valve, except for buildings located on the street line, when the distance will be measured from the outside edge of the curbstone. In no case will the main be tapped more than once for the same premises, unless the additional expense is borne by the owner.

2.—All persons using water must furnish internal pipes, connections and all fixtures and keep them in good repair, and protected from frost at their own expense. They shall be held liable for all damage resulting from their failure to do so. No person will be permitted to insert or cause to be inserted any faucet in any water pipe or connect any service pipe for conveying water from any of the main or distributing pipes to any house, building or manufactory or for any purpose whatever, without the written permission of the Commissioners or their duly authorized agent, nor shall any addition to or alteration of any water pipe or faucet be made without such written permission.

3.—There shall be no unnecessary waste of water, and water must in no case be left running to prevent freezing or for other purposes without the permission of the Water Commissioners or their duly authorized agent.

4.—All rates shall be due and payable at the office of the Superintendent, in semi-annual installments on the first days of January and July in each year, except as follows: The rates of all metered water shall be due and payable on the first days of January, April, July and October following its use; the rates for building purposes shall be due and payable on the first day of the month following the use of the water.

In all cases of non-payment of the water rates within twenty days after the same is due, as well as for any violation of these rules and regulations, the supply will be shut off, and the water will not again be let on, except upon the payment of the amount due and the sum of one dollar for letting on the water.

When water has been shut off for disregard of rules, non-payment of rates, or other offences, it shall not be turned on until the Commissioners are satisfied there will be no further cause for complaint, and one dollar shall have been paid for letting on. In all cases the owner of the premises will be held responsible for the water rates.

All bills for laying service pipe, or for materials of any kind, furnished by the Water Department, shall be due and payable on the first day of the month following such putting in or sale.

5.—When the water is supplied to more than one party through a single tap, the water may be shut off in case of non-payment of either party, notwithstanding one or more of the parties may have paid his or their amount due.

6.—No water taker shall supply water to parties not entitled to its use, except by written permit.

7.—All persons using water for building purposes are required to obtain a permit from the Water Commissioners before taking water from any faucet or fixture connected with the Water Works, and all water takers are warned not to let any party take water from their premises until they show a permit from the Water Commissioners.

8.—No person shall in any case be allowed to open any fire hydrant except by a written permit from the Water Commissioners. But the Engineers of the Fire Department shall in all cases have control of hydrants at fires and for practice.

9.—All parties using water in stables for horses or other animals, will be charged schedule rates for the same if conveyed by hand or through hose.

10.—All apparatus and places supplied with water must be accessible at all times for the inspection of the Commissioners, or their agent, and all pipes and fixtures shall be subject to rejection by said board if considered unsuitable for the purpose.

11.—The Commissioners reserve the right to restrict the use of hose or fountains, to shut off water in all cases when it becomes necessary to make extensions or repairs or for violation of any of the regulations; or to put in meters for the purpose of measuring the quantity of water used.

LEWIS M. BANCROFT,	}	Water Commissioners.
GEO. E. ABBOTT,		
EDWARD C. NICHOLS,		

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF READING,
FOR THE YEAR 1890-91.

School Committee.

GILMAN L. PARKER,	.	.	Term expires 1891.
WARREN E. EATON,	.	.	" " 1891.
EDWARD F. PARKER,	.	.	" " 1892.
CYRUS M. BARROWS,	.	.	" " 1892.
HORACE G. WADLIN,	.	.	" " 1893.
WALTER S. PARKER,	.	.	" " 1893.

Truant Officers.

HENRY STOCK.

CLARENCE J. NICHOLS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEE.

WALTER S. PARKER, *Chairman.* GILMAN L. PARKER, *Secretary.*

SUB-COMMITTEES.

High School,	}	W. S. PARKER.
Eighth Class Grammar,	}	H. G. WADLIN.
Seventh Class Grammar,	}	G. L. PARKER.

Sixth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Fifth Class Grammar, E. F. PARKER.

Fourth Class Grammar, G. L. PARKER.

Third Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Second Class Primary, W. S. PARKER.

First Class Primary, H. G. WADLIN.

Chestnut Hill Grammar, C. M. BARROWS.

“ “ Primary, C. M. BARROWS.

Prospect St. Grammar, W. E. EATON.

“ “ Primary, W. E. EATON.

Lowell St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Main St. School, E. F. PARKER.

Haverhill St. School, C. M. BARROWS.

Prudential Committee and	{	E. F. PARKER.
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Committee on Supplies,	{	C. M. BARROWS.
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Committee on Text Books,	{	W. S. PARKER,
	{	G. L. PARKER,
	{	C. M. BARROWS.

Committee on Music,	}	G. L. PARKER.
	}	W. S. PARKER.

REPORT.

In conformity to the requirements of the Public Statutes, the Committee herewith present the following report of the condition of the schools of the town for the year 1890-91.

VACANCIES.

The Committee was obliged early in the year to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of Miss Edith Holden of the Fourth Grammar School and Miss A. Olive Pearson of the Lowell street school, who accepted positions at higher salaries in Waltham.

The Fourth Grammar School was filled by the transfer of Miss Winifred Emerson from the Haverhill street school. Miss M. Grace Wakefield, a graduate of the Salem Normal School and formerly a teacher of Middleton, was elected to the Haverhill street school. Miss Jennie R. Sanborn, a graduate of high standing from our High School, was elected to the Main street school. Miss Mary S. Cutler, a teacher from Lexington, and formerly of North Reading, was engaged for the Lowell street school. The vacancy in the seventh grade grammar was filled by Miss Ella F. Wilkes, a teacher from Abington of long and successful service in that place.

Mr. F. E. Chapman, the instructor in music, resigned at the beginning of the fall term. The Committee was well pleased with his work in music, but he declined a re-election, unless at an increased salary. It was not an easy task to fill the vacancy acceptably with the amount of money at our command. We also needed more help in the High School. It was thought best to make an effort to get a teacher who could teach the music, and also teach two or three branches in the High School, thus for nearly the same money as we formerly paid for the teaching of music, we should now get in addition, two or three days' work in the high school. Miss Slack came to us with the highest testimonials of scholarship and teaching ability.

She worked but a short time when she was taken sick and obliged to suspend her labors, and finally resigned. We were very fortunate in finding a teacher in our midst who was eminently able to take up her work at the High School and carry it along successfully. Mrs. Clara Whittemore has consented to remain a short time longer. We cannot expect to retain her services with our present appropriations. Mr. A. E. Bradford, now teaching in Hingham and Ipswich, has consented to continue the work in music for a time, although not willing to make a permanent engagement.

As our report is going to press, we regret to announce the resignation of Miss Ruth L. Pratt, who has had a long and successful term of service, beginning in 1867 in the High School. Most of her service has been in the first grade primary. She has shown a wonderful power and skill in teaching the little ones to make their first steps on the ladder of literary attainments.

How different the labor and skill expected in a primary teacher now and that of thirty years ago! In many places the highest salaries are paid to those teaching the first years' work. The old A. B. C. method has become nearly obsolete. No educator of respectable prominence in Europe or America would think of upholding or defending the alphabet method in comparison with either the word or sentence methods, although which of the two latter is preferable is still a question of dispute.

Miss Pratt seemed to realize the importance of the sentiment expressed by the poet in the well-known lines,

“ O'er wayward childhood wouldst thou hold firm rule
And sun thee in the light of happy faces;
Love, Hope and Patience, these must be thy graces,
And in thine own heart first keep school.”

“ May God bless her,” will be the prayer of hundreds who have enjoyed the privilege of instruction under her genial sway.

The Committee has sent to Miss Pratt, the following letter:—

“ The members of the School Committee, in accepting your resignation as a teacher in the schools of Reading, desire to formally acknowledge their appreciation of the fidelity and efficiency which you have manifested during your extended term of service. None of

our present teachers and very few in the past have served so long as you, or have had the opportunity to exert so wide an influence upon the pupils of our public schools, and the service you have rendered to those who during these years received their first instruction from you, and whose subsequent success was based upon the foundation which you laid, has been only slightly recompensed by the financial compensation you have received. Such service is always quite out of proportion to the money reward it brings, but the Committee, for ourselves, and also in behalf of your former pupils, their parents, and the town, whose opinions we believe we reflect, may hope that your work has not been without that higher reward which every earnest effort brings to the worker, and may assure you that you have our sincere thanks for the past and our best wishes for the future."

COURSE OF STUDY.

The course of study in the High School provides for three different courses, viz : English, English-Latin and Classical.

There should be provided however, an additional year, either before or after entering the High School, for those who are endeavoring to fit for college, if those pupils are expected to compete with graduates from such preparatory schools as Phillips Academy or the Boston Latin School. We have in our primary and grammar grades but eight years while most cities and towns have nine years. We have been having but thirty-eight weeks in the school year, while most towns have had forty and forty-two weeks. If any comparison is to be instituted between our graduates and those of other places, the fact that our course requires one year less in time and that our school year is several weeks shorter than in many towns, should enter into the comparison.

DRAWING.

There has been for the past few years considerable interest manifested in the subject of drawing and moulding, as introductory to manual training. The claim has been made that in teaching the pupil to read, write and cipher, we train the eye to see, the tongue to speak, the mind to reason, and we need to add something of manual training like moulding and drawing to complete the education and train the hand to do the bidding of the mind.

It is, after all, not so much what our pupils learn, but the habits they form and the noble purposes awakened, that gives to our schools their greatest value.

Drawing, carried on properly, is one of the most practical branches of instruction. It has been said, "That is the broadest, truest education, that trains the hand, the eye, and the mind, for while it is the mind that plans, and the eye that guides and directs in the industrial world, it is always the hand that executes. Our aim should be, 'The cultured mind, the skilful hand.'"

We have commenced in some of the lower classes a more rational mode of form study, and hope to continue it in the upper grades in the form of model and object drawing.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The school buildings are generally in a very good condition. The High School building and the Chestnut Hill school-house were shingled during the summer vacation. Additional windows were put into the latter house at the same time, in compliance with the request of the State Board of Education. At the High School building we need better sanitary accommodations, and we respectfully call your attention to the recommendation made for an appropriation for a larger and more suitable building, one better adapted to the needs of all the schools in the building. Concrete has been laid about the new building on Union street, and we trust that something will be done soon to the John street building, and the grading about it improved.

The Legislature of 1888 enacted a law entitled, "An act to cause proper sanitary provisions and proper ventilation in public buildings and school houses." Section 2 of this act requires that "every public building and every school-house shall be ventilated in such a proper manner that the air shall not become so exhausted as to be injurious to the health of the persons present therein."

Section 3 is as follows:—

SECTION 3. "Whenever it shall appear to an inspector of factories and public buildings that further or different sanitary provisions or means of ventilation are required in any public building or school-house in order to conform to the requirements of this act, and that the same can be provided without incurring unreasonable expense,

such inspector may issue a written order to the proper person or authority, directing such sanitary provisions or means of ventilation to be provided, and they shall thereupon be provided in accordance with such order by the public authority, corporation or person having charge of, owning or leasing such public building or school-house."

"The State Inspectors of school buildings, acting under the law mentioned above, have visited some of our buildings and have directed that certain changes be made for the purpose of improving the ventilation of the building on the corner of Union and John streets. Their requirements must be complied with, under penalty. This will involve the erection of a new chimney of large size and the purchase of new heating apparatus, together with certain other improvements. As the law is mandatory, the requisite appropriation, as asked for by the Committee should be made by the town. It does not follow that the expenditure of this entire sum will be needed, as in view of the fact that the building is an old one and the growth of the town will, before long, require it to be enlarged or a new building provided, may lead the inspectors to modify their demands. The Committee should, however, have an appropriation that will enable them to deal with the matter as the best interests of the town may require.

It will be noticed by the report that the Main street school has but nine pupils. The question has been raised whether it would not be better for the pupils to attend the schools at the center, if provision were made for good comfortable transportation. The plan has been successfully tried in several places, viz.: Concord, Northboro, Cohasset, and found to be feasible. The Committee have no desire to press the matter against the wishes of the parents and residents interested, but believe the welfare of the pupils and economy of money expended call for consideration of the subject by the town. Many things can be said in favor of and against the project. We make no recommendation at this time, wishing rather to give all an opportunity of thinking carefully upon the subject in all its relations to not only the Main street school, but other districts.

We earnestly solicit your careful attention to the report of expenditures for salaries, books, apparatus, etc., believing that such examination will convince you that the money has been carefully and judiciously expended.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Committee recommend that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for regular school expenses, which includes teachers' salaries, fuel, and care of buildings.

They also recommend that \$2,000 be raised and appropriated for incidental school expenses, including the purchase of text-book supplies, and that \$500 be raised and appropriated for an out-building at the High School, and also \$500 for improving the ventilation and heating of the John Street School House.

Two vacancies in the Committee are to be filled at the ensuing town meeting. The terms of Gilman L. Parker and Warren E. Eaton expire.

Adopted in School Committee, March 20, 1890.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. PARKER, <i>Chairman</i> ,	}	<i>School Committee of Reading.</i>
HORACE G. WADLIN,		
EDWARD F. PARKER,		
CYRUS M. BARROWS,		
WARREN E. EATON,		
GILMAN L. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> ,		

APPENDIX.

ROLL OF TEACHERS, MARCH 1st, 1891.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.	SALARIES.
High.....	Wilson R. Butler, Principal.....	\$1700 00
“	Olive A. Prescott, 1st Ass't..	600 00
“	Carrie E. Berry, 2nd Ass't...	500 00
“	Clara Whittemore, 3rd Ass't.	234 00
Eighth Class Grammar.....	Alice Barrows.....	500 00
Seventh Class Grammar.....	Ella F. Wilkes.....	450 00
Sixth Class Grammar.....	Annie F. Merriam.....	456 00
Fifth Class Grammar.....	Kate L. Beard.....	400 00
Fourth Class Grammar.....	Winifred Emerson.....	350 00
Third Class Primary.....	Mary W. Howard.....	418 00
Second Class Primary.....	Elnora Emerson.....	400 00
First Class Primary.....	Ruth L. Pratt	457 00
Chestnut Hill Grammar.....	Ida M. Gordon.....	400 00
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	Annie P. Reid.....	375 00
Prospect Street Grammar...	M. Fannie Wilson.....	425 00
Prospect Street Primary....	Addie M. Bancroft.....	350 00
Lowell Street Mixed.....	Mary S. Cutler.....	350 00
Main Street Mixed.....	Jennie R. Sanborn.....	\$7 00 per week.
Haverhill Street Mixed.....	M. Grace Wakefield.....	7 00 per week.
Instructor in Music.....	Albert E. Bradford.....	300 00

Number of male teachers employed.....	2
Number of female teachers employed.....	18
Average wages per month of female teachers.....	\$41 08
Number of teachers who have attended Normal schools.....	10
Number of teachers who have graduated from Normal schools....	10

TABLE SHOWING ENROLLMENT, ATTENDANCE AND
NUMBER OF VISITORS.

SCHOOLS.	Enrollment.	Average Membership.			Average Attendance.			Pupils during year over 15 years.	Pupils during year under 5 years.	No. of Visitors.
		1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.	1st Term.	2nd Term.	3rd Term.			
High.....	79	75	88	82	74	86	77	61		71
Eighth Class Grammar....	49	40	54	45	38	51	41	7		100
Seventh Class Grammar....	47	45	48	46	42	46	42	1		52
Sixth Class Grammar.....	35	31	32	34	30	30	31			49
Fifth Class Grammar.....	34	33	39	36	31	37	34			74
Fourth Class Grammar....	50	38	42	41	36	40	38			74
Third Class Primary.....	52	42	41	42	39	38	38			57
Second Class Primary.....	39	40	40	42	38	36	37			48
First Class Primary.....	115	58	57	56	52	48	43		2	214
Chestnut Hill Grammar...	27	26	23	23	22	21	20			54
Chestnut Hill Primary.....	39	33	28	24	28	24	20			38
Prospect Street Grammar..	36	34	32	28	33	30	23			66
Prospect Street Primary...	55	41	41	31	38	35	23		1	67
Lowell Street Mixed.....	42	35	42	43	32	38	35		1	94
Main Street Mixed.....	17	14	12	9	13	8	7		1	27
Haverhill Street Mixed....	23	16	13	12	15	11	9		1	49
	739	601	632	594	561	579	518	69	6	1,134

Number of different pupils enrolled during the year.....	739
Average membership of all the schools.....	609
Average attendance in all the schools during the year.....	553
Percentage of attendance, based on average membership.....	90.8
Number attending within the year between 8 and 14 years of age (compulsory age).....	391
Number of pupils admitted to the High School.....	30
Age of youngest pupil admitted.....	13 years.
Age of oldest pupil admitted.....	16 years 6 mos.
Average age of pupils admitted.....	14 years 5 mos.

FORTITER.

FIDELITER.

FELICITER.

READING HIGH SCHOOL.

Class of '90.

GRADUATION EXERCISES,

OLD SOUTH CHURCH,

Wednesday Evening, June 18, 1890,

7.45 O'clock.

HADLEY'S ORCHESTRA OF SOMERVILLE, S. H. HADLEY, LEADER.

ORDER OF EXERCISES.

March and Overture.—Orchestra.

Prayer.

Choral.—Praise Ye the Lord of Light, - - - *Cruger*

Salutatory and Oration.—Incentives to Labor, - H. K. Barrows

Essay.—Worth of Classical Study, - - Marion E. Parker

Chorus.—“List! The Trumpet's Thrilling Sound,” - *Meyerbeer*

Oration.—The Character of Marcus Brutus, - E. W. Bancroft

Reminiscences of the Class of '90, - Misses Wakefield and Jeffrey

Selection by the Orchestra.

Essay.—Myths, - - - - - Grace D. Sweetser

Recitation.—The Witch's Daughter, *Whittier*, - Grace S. TwomblyChorus.—May Song, - - - - - *Gounod*

Essay.—Contentment Hinders Progress, - Blanche E. Robinson

Oration.—Peculiarities of our Government, - Joseph Harrington

Cornet Solo.—Selected, - - - - - Mr. Hadley

Class Prophecy, - - - - - Edith R. Hill

Essay and Valedictory.—Motives to Study, - Jennie R. Sanborn

Pilgrims' Chorus from “Lombardi,” - - - - *Verdi*

AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS.

Mr. Walter S. Parker, Chairman of School Committee.

Parting Hymn, *Bellini*, - - - - Graduating Class

Benediction.

GRADUATING CLASS.

Edith Rebecca Hill,	Elsie Josephine Jeffrey,
Alice Kittredge,	Marion Edna Parker,
Blanche Edwina Robinson,	Grace Delia Sweetser,
Grace Simonton Twombly,	Harold Kilbreth Barrows,
Edward Winthrop Bancroft,	Joseph Harrington,
Jennie Rebecca Sanborn.	Edith Wakefield.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Giving names of those who have been neither absent nor tardy since March, 1890, and the schools to which they belong.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Elmer H. Robinson,	Herbert L. Hill,
Charles S. Beaudry,	Kirk A. Parker,
† Marion T. Pratt,	† John J. Wakefield.

EIGHTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Josie A. Sweetser,	Charles F. Totten,
Fred. C. Scott.	

SEVENTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

† Charles N. Goldthwait,	Addie E. Parker,
* Charles F. Perry,	Frank W. Pratt,
Scott Parker.	

SIXTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

* Roy E. Parker.

FIFTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

† William S. Badger,	* Quincy Brown,
Ethel Berry,	Grace Skillen,
Edith Sweetser.	

FOURTH CLASS GRAMMAR.

Florence Allen,	Edna Bancroft,
Isabelle Buxton,	Carleton H. Prescott,
Emma B. Sheldon.	

THIRD CLASS PRIMARY.

† Alma N. Damon.

FIRST CLASS PRIMARY.

Florence E. Buxton.

CHESTNUT HILL GRAMMAR.

*Robert B. Weston.

CHESTNUT HILL PRIMARY.

Eva F. Hodson.

PROSPECT STREET GRAMMAR.

Marion E. Boyd,

Louis F. Gay.

PROSPECT STREET PRIMARY.

Bernard E. Cheney.

LOWELL STREET SCHOOL.

†Blanche P. Washburn.

MAIN STREET SCHOOL.

Albert H. Carter.

† Neither absent nor tardy for two years.

* Neither absent nor tardy for three years.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Population of Reading, (1890)	4,088
Number of children between 5 and 15 years of age, May,	
1890	611
Number of children between 8 and 14 years of age, May,	
1890	363
Amount of appropriation for instruction, fuel, and care	
of rooms	\$10,300 00
Amount received for tuition	64 00
Amount drawn from Massachusetts School Fund . . .	428 33
	<hr/> \$10,792 33
Expended for instruction, fuel, and care of	
rooms	\$10,792 33
Amount appropriated for text-books, supplies,	
and incidental school expenses . . .	\$2,025 00
Amount received from books and supplies sold	18 31
	<hr/> \$2,043 31
Expended for text-books and supplies . . .	\$ 622 98
Expended for incidental school expenses . . .	1,375 54
Unexpended	44 79
	<hr/> \$2,043 31

FINANCIAL REPORT.

EXPENDED FOR JANITORS.

Centre School Buildings	\$426 50	
Prospect St. School Building	117 00	
Chestnut Hill School Building	72 00	
Lowell St. School Building	36 00	
Main St. School Building	29 25	
Haverhill St. School Building	36 00	
	<hr/>	\$716 75

EXPENDED FOR FUEL.

Paid Wendell Bancroft, for coal	\$31 25	
“ Calvin L. Martin “ “	707 16	
“ Seth Bessey, for wood	6 75	
“ Howard W. Batchelder, for wood	55 14	
“ A. G. Nichols, “ “	14 31	
“ F. W. Davis, “ “	10 25	
“ W. Wallace Davis, “ “	4 80	
	<hr/>	\$829 66

EXPENDED FOR LABOR ON FUEL.

Paid Eben G. Beard	\$3 63	
“ Isaac D. Draper	4 00	
“ C. F. Bessom	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$13 63

EXPENDED FOR TEACHING.

High School	\$2,930 32	
Eighth Class Grammar	500 00	
Seventh “ “	480 10	
Sixth “ “	463 20	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$4,373 62	\$1,560 04

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>				\$4,373 62	\$1,560 04
Fifth Class Grammar	.	.	.	\$400 00	
Fourth " "	.	.	.	379 13	
Third " Primary	.	.	.	436 60	
Second " "	.	.	.	400 00	
First " "	.	.	.	457 99	
Chestnut Hill Grammar	.	.	.	400 00	
" " Primary	.	.	.	358 50	
Prospect St. Grammar	.	.	.	429 50	
" " Primary	.	.	.	341 00	
Lowell St. Mixed	.	.	.	377 19	
Main St. "	.	.	.	285 00	
Haverhill St. "	.	.	.	299 67	
Music Teacher	.	.	.	288 09	
Military Instructor	.	.	.	6 00	
				<hr/>	\$9,232 29
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					\$10,792 33
Appropriation	.	.	.	\$10,300 00	
Received for tuition	.	.	.	64 00	
Drawn from Mass. School Fund	.	.	.	428 33	
				<hr/>	\$10,792 33

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid D. C. Heath & Co.	.	.	.	\$ 2 72	
Boston School Supply Co.	.	.	.	32 19	
Educational Publishing Co.	.	.	.	16 60	
George F. King & Merrill	.	.	.	41 62	
J. L. Hammett	.	.	.	67 98	
A. S. Barnes & Co.	.	.	.	3 67	
J. B. Lippincott & Co.	.	.	.	13 50	
Harper & Brothers	.	.	.	4 61	
Thorp, Adams & Co.	.	.	.	2 50	
Lee & Shepard	.	.	.	19 79	
Wm. Ware & Co.	.	.	.	37 70	
Pulsifer, Jordan & Pfaff	.	.	.	24 60	
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>				\$267 48	

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$267 48	
Paid Interstate Publishing Co. . . .	6 25	
George W. Simmons	1 40	
American Humane Education Society	12 00	
Ginn & Company	158 59	
American Book Company . . .	124 22	
C. M. Barrows & Co. . . .	10 25	
I. W. Chamberlin	1 25	
Olive A. Prescott	3 76	
Effingham & Maynard	2 70	
George S. Perry	5 80	
Thompson, Brown & Co. . . .	50	
Mass. Bible Society	75	
Educational Supply Co. . . .	5 45	
Prang Educational Co. . . .	7 36	
Carter, Carter & Killam	1 88	
J. B. Plummer & Co. . . .	13 34	
	<hr/>	\$622 98

INCIDENTAL SCHOOL EXPENSES.

Paid Edward F. Parker, for gong . .	\$3 00	
Daniel Pratt's Son, for clocks . .	24 00	
Daniel C. Sanborn, for labor . .	1 25	
Mathew Hanley, for chairs . .	2 00	
Sadie M. Swift, for copying . .	1 00	
H. L. Cummings, for teaming . .	7 50	
Wm. G. White's express	9 80	
Wm. A. Lang, for labor and material	312 72	
H. Pigeon & Sons, for flag poles .	98 00	
David Pratt, for labor	5 66	
Irving Wheeler & Co., for ropes and blocks	15 30	
W. R. Butler, for supplies . . .	8 00	
W. H. Twombly & Sons	11 50	
Jerry Flint, for repairs	9 65	
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<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	\$509 38	\$622 98

<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$509 38	\$622 98
Paid Wendell Bancroft, labor and material	\$10 00	
George W. Atkinson	1 65	
Reading Savings Bank, for settee .	1 00	
Boston & Maine R. R., for freight .	17 50	
Citizens Gas-Light Co., for gas .	7 49	
Lawrence Brothers, for shingles .	156 50	
M. E. Society, for use of church .	28 00	
L. W. Sherman, for material . .	1 75	
Houghton & Dutton	1 88	
J. C. Cook, for painting	71 22	
J. L. Hammett, for blackboards .	106 20	
Charles C. Dike, for concrete . .	52 09	
Horace A. Brooks, for rebinding books	28 35	
Patrick Conley, for labor	3 00	
A. G. Whitecomb, for furniture .	11 00	
Cummings Express	1 85	
Burr & Brown, for picture cord .	75	
Paine Furniture Co., for chairs .	3 00	
R. L. Beers, for repairs	20 30	
Isaac D. Draper, for labor	3 80	
Moses E. Nichols, painting . . .	62 75	
S. E. Parker, taking school census .	15 00	
G. S. Tukey, repairs on pumps . .	7 00	
M. S. Quinlan, repairs	15 04	
N. W. Broad, repairs	28 59	
James W. Vinal, material	1 00	
R. A. White, horse hire	21 00	
Lewis M. Bancroft, insurance . .	5 00	
C. M. Barrows & Co., printing .	3 00	
C. F. Bessom, for duster	75	
Francis Brothers, for supplies . .	32 85	
Arthur J. Davis, setting glass . .	3 00	
M. A. Stone, supplies	3 25	
T. R. Newhall, edgestone	50 60	
<i>Amounts carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$1,285 54	<hr/> \$622 98

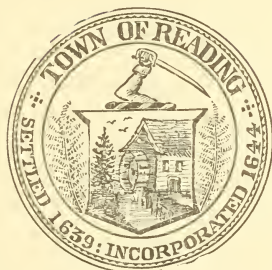
<i>Amounts brought forward,</i>	\$1,285 54	\$622 98
Paid M. Forbes & Son, clearing vaults .	8 00	
Howard W. Batchelder, rent of land	5 00	
Edward F. Parker, agent for books and supplies	75 00	
Henry M. Parker, tuning piano .	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,375 54
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		\$1,998 52
Appropriation	\$2,025 00	
Books and supplies sold	18 31	
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	\$2,043 31	
Unexpended		\$44 79
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		\$2,043 31
Books and supplies in hands of agent .		\$96 81

CONCRETING AROUND CENTRE PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

EXPENDED.

Paid Hiram Litchfield, for labor	\$ 2 25	
N. C. Flanders, " "	4 50	
Zeba Lampro, " "	2 63	
Patrick Burns, " "	2 63	
Antonio Enos, " "	2 25	
Samuel Brown, " "	4 50	
Chas. A. Weston, " "	3 40	
Charles C. Dike, for concreting	178 72	
	<hr/>	\$200 88
Appropriation		200 00
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Overdrawn		\$ 88

TOWN WARRANT.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

MIDDLESEX, SS.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF READING,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Reading, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet in Lyceum Hall, in said Reading, on Monday, the sixth day of April, A. D. 1891, at seven o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, viz:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of

Taxes, School Committee, Road Commissioners, Water Commissioners, Engineers of the Fire Department, Trustees of the Public Library, Trustees of the Cemetery and Auditors.

ART. 3. To bring in their votes on one ballot for Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes, Constables, one Road Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years; also on separate ballot two members of the School Committee for three years, also on separate ballots to bring in their votes in answer to the question, "shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town, each ballot to be received at the same time in separate boxes.

ART. 4. To choose all other necessary Town Officers and see what instructions you will give the Town Officers.

ART. 5. To see if the Town will fix the salaries, not already established, of the various Town Officers, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate the cash balance in the Treasury towards the payment of the Town debt.

ART. 7. To determine how much money the Town will raise for schools, incidental school expenses, repairs of highways and bridges, removing ice and snow, fire department, support of the poor, street lights, salaries of town officers, State and military aid, printing, abatement of taxes, town office, maintenance of the police, cemetery, public library, soldiers' graves, interest on the Town debt, reduction of the Town debt, miscellaneous expenses and interest on the water loan.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of the taxes of the present municipal year.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will employ night watchmen the ensuing year, and how much money they will raise for the purpose.

ART. 10. To determine the compensation of the Collector.

ART. 11. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the enforcement of the liquor law.

ART. 12. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the care and improvement of the Common, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 13. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of water works for the ensuing year.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to use any unexpended balance in their hands to extend water mains in such streets as in their judgment is for the best interest of the Town.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will allow the Water Commissioners to use a part of the lot of land on Parker street to erect a shop upon, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 16. To see if the Town will introduce water into the cemetery and establish two or more drinking fountains in such places as the trustees may select, and how much money they will raise and appropriate therefor.

ART. 17. To see what action the Town will take in relation to the suit of the Reading Water Company against the Town.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will authorize their treasurer to deposit money of the Town in his hands in the First National Bank of Reading, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to finish off an additional room in the town building and furnish the same, and that the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will change the time of holding the Annual Town Meeting from the first Monday in April to the first Monday in March, said change to take effect in 1892.

ART. 21. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate for the purchase of fire hose.

ART. 22. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to purchase an extension ladder for fire purposes.

ART. 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to procure coats for the use of the Hook and Ladder Company and hosemen of the Steamer and Hancock Company, or see what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the Town will erect a fire alarm box near the residence of Charles A. Weston, on West street and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the purpose.

ART. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars for concrete sidewalks and edgestones, provided the abutters pay one-half.

ART. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for concrete gutters and crosswalks.

ART. 27. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to repair concrete sidewalks when worn and broken.

ART. 28. To see what action the Town will take in regard to clearing the ditch from Haven street under Green street to the railroad at Washington street.

ART. 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars to change the grade of street and build a sidewalk on the southerly side of Lowell street, from Sanborn street to Linden street, or what they will do.

ART. 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate six hundred dollars to pipe for the purpose of draining Woburn street from the residence of Miss Annie E. Appleton, into the brook at the foot of Appleton's Hill "so called."

ART. 31. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate

seventeen hundred dollars to build the extension of Middlesex avenue, from Bancroft avenue to Lowell street as ordered by the County Commissioners.

ART. 32. To see what action the Town will take in regard to changing the grade of the street and sidewalk on Woburn street, in front of Benjamin M. Boyce's residence, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to meet such change.

ART. 33. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for incidental highways.

ART. 34. To see if the Town will build a wall and sidewalk on the east side of Main street, from land of George A. Vermille, about 300 feet southerly, and raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars for the purpose of defraying the expense of the same or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 35. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to construct a sidewalk on Main street, from the residence of Arthur E. Davis, to the residence of Oren N. Jones.

ART. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate one hundred dollars to enlarge culvert across Woburn street at the junction of High street, or what they will do.

ART. 37. To see if the Town will raise the sidewalk of Main street from the house formerly owned by Cephas Parker to Washington street, and raise and appropriate fifty dollars for the same, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 38. To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended balance of the money raised at the last annual town meeting, towards lowering the drain pipe located on Main street, between Patrick Devaney's house and the brook which runs through Moses Morse's field.

ART. 39. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to concrete the sidewalk on Ash street, com-

mencing at Lyceum Hall extension, and extending to Robert C. Totten's line, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 40. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to build a crosswalk across Woburn street on the northerly side of High street, and one across Chute street from High street to Haven street, also a concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of High street from Woburn street to Chute street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 41. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to grade and concrete the sidewalk on the westerly side of Main street, across Minot street to the railroad crossing, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 42. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars to construct a drain to take away the surface water from the corner of Main and Hopkins streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 43. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to repair the sidewalk on Ash street from the railroad crossing to its end at the house of William Lovejoy, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 44. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of fifty dollars for the purchase and planting of shade trees, the same to be expended under the direction of the Town Improvement Association, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 45. To see if the town will erect and maintain two street lights on Prescott street, one at the bridge near the residence of Mrs. Cunningham, and one at the corner of Pratt and Prescott streets.

ART. 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to erect curbstones, and build a concrete walk on the northerly side of Washington and High streets, between the catch-basin at the junction of Washington

and Ash streets, to the junction of High and Haven streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 47. To see if the Town will sell that portion of the cemetery which lies between land owned by G. W. Atkinson heirs and A. J. Barr, the same to be sold for building purposes, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 48. To see how much money the Town will raise and appropriate to widen the street and make a sidewalk on Charles street, from Main to Pearl streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 49. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate five hundred dollars to buy crushed stone for the streets, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 50. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate fifty dollars for the care of the Town Clock on the Old South Church.

ART. 51. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 386, Acts of 1890, in relation to the Australian ballot system for election of municipal officers, and determine what officers they will vote for under said system.

ART. 52. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to lay a concrete walk over Washington street from Minot street to east side Lincoln street with necessary curbstones, and make opening from gutter on Lincoln street to culvert, also grade sidewalk on Lincoln street from proposed concrete crossing to R. R. station, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 53. To see if the Town will instruct the proper officers to lay out and make a sidewalk on the southerly side of Woburn street from West street to the residence of Needham Nichols, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 54. To see if the Town will lay concrete walk with edgestones from E. F. Parker's on Salem street to Pleasant

street, through Harnden street, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 55. To see if the Town will lay concrete walks with edgestones on Salem street, from Hill's Brush Factory to Main street at T. B. Pratt's, or what they will do in relation thereto.

ART. 56. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on widening and grading Elliott street, and determine if the Town will raise and appropriate four hundred and fifty dollars for the purpose.

ART. 57. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on laying out and building Winthrop avenue, and to determine if the Town will raise and appropriate two hundred dollars for the purpose.

ART. 58. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners on widening Hopkins street, and raise and appropriate three hundred dollars for the same.

ART. 59. To hear and act on the report of the Road Commissioners in relation to guide-posts.

ART. 60. To see if the Town will revise and accept the list of names for Jurors as prepared and posted by the Selectmen.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fifth day of March, A. D. 1891.

STILLMAN M. PRATT,	{	<i>Selectmen</i>
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,		<i>of</i>
R. DEXTER TEMPLE,		<i>Reading.</i>

A true copy.—Attest :

Constable

LIST OF NAMES FOR JURORS.

The subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Reading, have prepared the following list of persons who, in their judgment are qualified to serve as jurors, and respectfully submit the same for the action of the town :—

Austin, Henry K.	Ford, Lafayette.
Bancroft, Frederick.	Jones, Oren N.
Barrows, Cyrus M.	Lovejoy, Eugene L.
Bassett, Edwin.	McKay, James.
Batchelder, Howard W.	Martin, Calvin L.
Blood, Edwin W.	Meador, George C.
Boyce, George A.	Moulton, Wilder C.
Brown, Henry M.	Nichols, D. Henry.
Brooks, Edward F.	Nichols, D. Marshall.
Canty, John D.	Nichols, Richard B.
Coney, Charles S.	Parker, Frank.
Cook, Walter F.	Parker, Henry F.
Cox, Charles H.	Parker, Fred H.
Crowe, William L.	Parker, Stillman E.
Damon, George H.	Parker, Horace A.
Deadman, Henry.	Perkins, William H.
Danforth, Alfred W.	Pratt, Harland P.
Davis, William W.	Putnam, George L.
Eaton, John H.	Richardson, David G.
Eames, Charles B.	Sargent, George A.
Eames, Rufus C.	Sawyer, Addison A.
Eames, Edward B.	Swain, Charles H.
Emerson, Arthur G.	Spinney, William F.
Gleason, Rodney H.	Temple, Arthur W.
Griggs, James H.	Twombly, Willie E.
Harrington, Edward B.	Wadsworth, George F.
Foss, Jacob K.	Weston, Charles A.
Fairbanks, Charles E.	Wight, Ephraim.

STILLMAN M. PRATT,	}	<i>Selectmen of Reading.</i>
CHARLES W. ABBOTT,		
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